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WILL HITLER MODIFY TERMS?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

MR. SUMNER WELLES WILL NOT LEAVE ITALY UNTIL HE HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A FURTHER INTERVIEW WITH SIGNOR MUSSOLINI FOLLOWING TO-DAY'S CONFERENCE BETWEEN IL DUCE AND HITLER AT THE BRENNER PASS, ACCORDING TO AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS.

He still expects, however, to be able to leave in the Conte di Savoia on Wednesday at noon.

There seems little reason to doubt, moreover, that Hitler's anxiety for a personal discussion with Signor Mussolini is in connection with his desire to secure the fullest Italian support for a Spring peace offensive.

Knowing the Allies' determination to fight until the realisation of their war aims, Mussolini was cool to all suggestions by Ribbentrop that he should participate in any peace campaign, except in the event that the initiative was taken by the United States.

Suggestions have been made, but naturally lack positive affirmation, that as a result of the conversations between Mr. Sumner Welles and Il Duce, the latter may be able at

Brenner to hold this out to Hitler as a possibility.

GERMAN PLAN

According to another view, Germany is planning the exertion of strong peace pressure simultaneously by Germany, Italy and Russia, and that as a prerequisite, Hitler is seeking to bring Russia and Italy closer together.

Fascist quarters state, however, that the Italian Ambassador is not returning to Moscow, and that Stalin will have to make a striking gesture to remove Italian antipathy.

It is recalled that upon the completion of the German invasion of Poland, Hitler invited Count Ciano to Berlin and insisted that Italy should start forthwith a peace offensive, but Italy refused, whereupon Hitler himself announced that he was ready to conclude peace provided he was permitted to keep his spoils.

Hitler now hopes that Italy will give a promise of mediatory initiative which she refused six months ago.

LONDON'S GUESS

In London, too, general opinion is that the Hitler-Mussolini meeting is connected with a peace attempt since reliable indications are that Ribbentrop dealt with this attempt during his recent visit to Rome.

London believes that Mussolini conveyed the German peace terms to Mr. Sumner Welles on Saturday evening and was informed that, in the opinion of the American Assistant Secretary of State, it would be a waste of time to announce them.

It is thought that the decision of a direct talk between Hitler and Mussolini was reached after the Mussolini-Welles talk on Saturday.

German-Italian economic co-operation and the future of South-East Europe may also be discussed. —Havas.

"Postpone Blitzkrieg"

Rome, To-day.

It is stated in Italian circles here that Signor Mussolini may urge Hitler to postpone any attempt at military blitzkrieg until all efforts to secure a peaceful solution prove unsuccessful. —Reuter.

POPE TO MAKE PEACE APPEAL?

Rome, To-day.

It is reported here that Pope Pius XII will make a fresh peace appeal to the world before Easter.

He is expected to draft the appeal after his meeting with Mr. Sumner Welles to-day.

There is no official confirmation. —Reuter.

PASSIKIVI ON WAY TO MOSCOW

Helsinki, To-day.

M. Passikivi is going to Moscow to settle outstanding questions, including the exact delimitation of the frontiers, the opening of trade talks provided in the treaty, and the reestablishment of economic relations. —Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-East winds, fresh; cloudy generally, occasional rain.

RIBBENTROP OFFER TO ITALY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IF RIBBENTROP TRIED DURING HIS ROME VISIT TO FIX UP AN ACCORD WHEREBY ITALY JOINED THE RUSSIAN-GERMAN AXIS, HE FAILED, IN THE OPINION OF THE SUNDAY PRESS.

If he discussed stabilising conditions in the Balkans he will have had a kinder reception.

It is thought that he proposed a carving-up of Central Europe, whereby the Balkan states would go to Russia, Rumania would go to Germany and Yugoslavia to Italy.

There is reason to believe that Italy is not ready to take part in any such arrangement. —Havas.

PASSIVE DEFENCE IN TURKEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ankara, To-day.

Admiral Mouren, of the French Navy, has arrived here at the invitation of the Turkish Government to study questions of passive defence. —Havas.

"LAST CHANCE OF PEACE"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Opinion in well-informed quarters here is that the meeting between Hitler and Mussolini was arranged entirely as a result of German initiative.

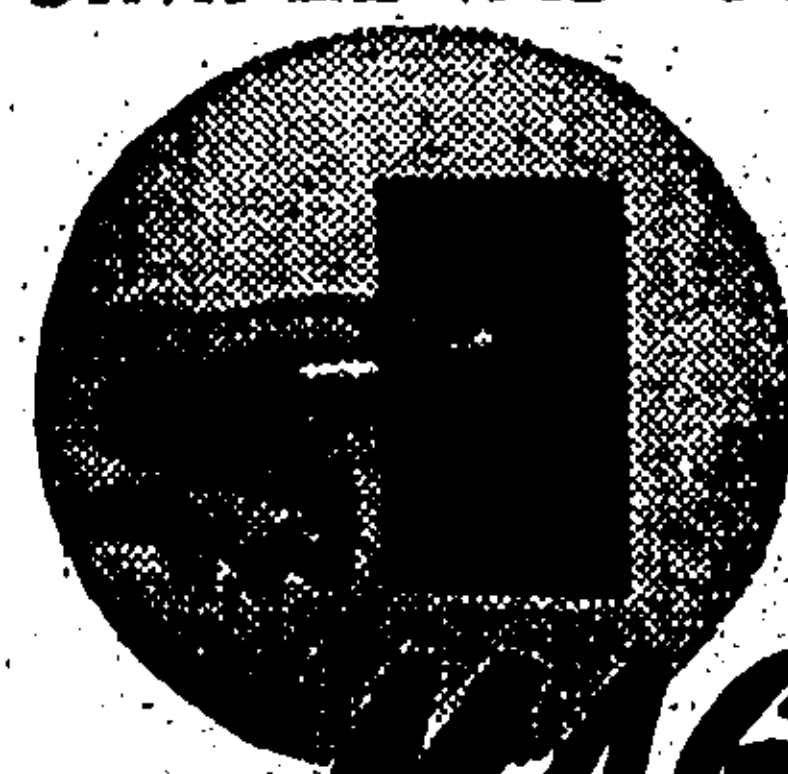
It is felt in Nazi quarters that this meeting will provide the "last chance of peace," through the threat of a very close alliance of all the Dictatorships, including Russia.

A recent article, attributed to the State Counsellor, Dr. Schmidt, published in the review "Rome-Berlin-Tokyo," stated: "The Allied threats against neutrals justify all preventive measures."

Dr. Schmidt added that the German-Italian Alliance should have unlimited action at any moment and might also become the starting-point of similar action by Russia.

Dutch quarters also anticipate diplomatic action by Germany and Italy on a wide scale in the Balkans, including a Russian guarantee of the Rumanian frontiers and a general stabilisation of the relations of all members of the Balkan Entente under German patronage. —Havas.

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PROFESSOR'S FORECAST ON THE PROSPECTS IN WAR

New York, To-day.

THE SCRIPPS-HOWARD syndicate summarises an article in "Foreign Affairs" by Professor Randt, formerly of Berlin University and now of Stanford University.

Germany, says the professor, is "blockade-proof" for at least two years if the present type of war continues; Russia will not be of very much help — she cannot fill her own needs and both her own and Germany's railway systems would be unable to fulfil any such large-scale movement of oil.

Oil may be the Nazi's "Achilles' heel." Merely on the score of oil Germany is incapable of conducting full-scale land operations over an extended period.

The professor's conclusion is that much depends on the nature of the war ahead. If the Allies play Germany's sit-down game the contest may last a long time; nevertheless, Germany will lose in the end.

"In the third or fourth year, the British and French Empires will be able to crush the Nazis by superior military forces."

SMALL NATIONS

The "New York Herald-Tribune" analyses the position of small nations and the pressures forcing them together. The process is further along in Scandinavia but even in the Balkans the fear of the Reich and the Soviet may slowly overcome age-old hostility.

"It must never be forgotten that in the long run all such regional alliances are likely to be anti-German and anti-Russian in tendency. It is from Germany and from Russia, not from the Allies, that peril to the independence of the small states in Europe is to be anticipated.

This is the basic anxiety of all of them. There is a vast difference in degree and duration of the peril to be anticipated from yielding to German and to Allied pressure. It is a difference which even the most ignorant Balkan peasant understands completely.

"It is indeed the key to understanding the present situation in that area." —Reuter.

GRAF SPEE CREW UNDER RESTRICTION

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.
Men of the Graf Spee, who hitherto have been allowed to move about freely wearing uniform, are now to be interned. They will also be forbidden to wear uniform. —Reuter.

JAPAN AND ARGENTINE SIGN AGREEMENT

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.
It was announced here to-day that the Argentine and Japan have signed a trade agreement.
Under the agreement Japan will buy more than £1,500,000 of Argentine goods this year. —Reuter.

THE CIVIL ESTIMATES

London, To-day.

The civil estimates for foreign and imperial services issued on Saturday show a net total of £14,185,469 for 1940 as compared with £18,128,273 in 1939.

The original net estimate for 1939 was £15,387,203 but three supplementary estimates raised the total to £18,128,273.

Principal decreases are of £3,749,239 for the India and Burma Services and £365,242 for the diplomatic and consular services.

Principal increases are £495,542 for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services and £185,311 for the Foreign Office. — British Wireless.

IT SOUNDS ALL RIGHT

London, To-day.

Lord Samuel, speaking yesterday, said the question was sometimes heard why there been no Allied attack on the Western Front.

It was well to remember that a battering ram received as hard blows as it gave.

The Allies held an initiative which could be used in more than one theatre and in the meantime the economic pressure on Germany continued with a relentlessly cumulative effect. —British Wireless.

NAZIS AND CATHOLICS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, Yesterday.
It is rumoured in Vatican circles that the Holy See and Germany have begun negotiations regarding the treatment of Catholics in German territory, including Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The Papal Nuncio in Berlin is stated to have already met the Nazi Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop. —Havas.

MINISTER TO CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, Yesterday.
It is reliably learned here that Count Van Biltland, at present Dutch charge d'affaires in Cairo, will shortly be appointed Minister to China. —Havas.

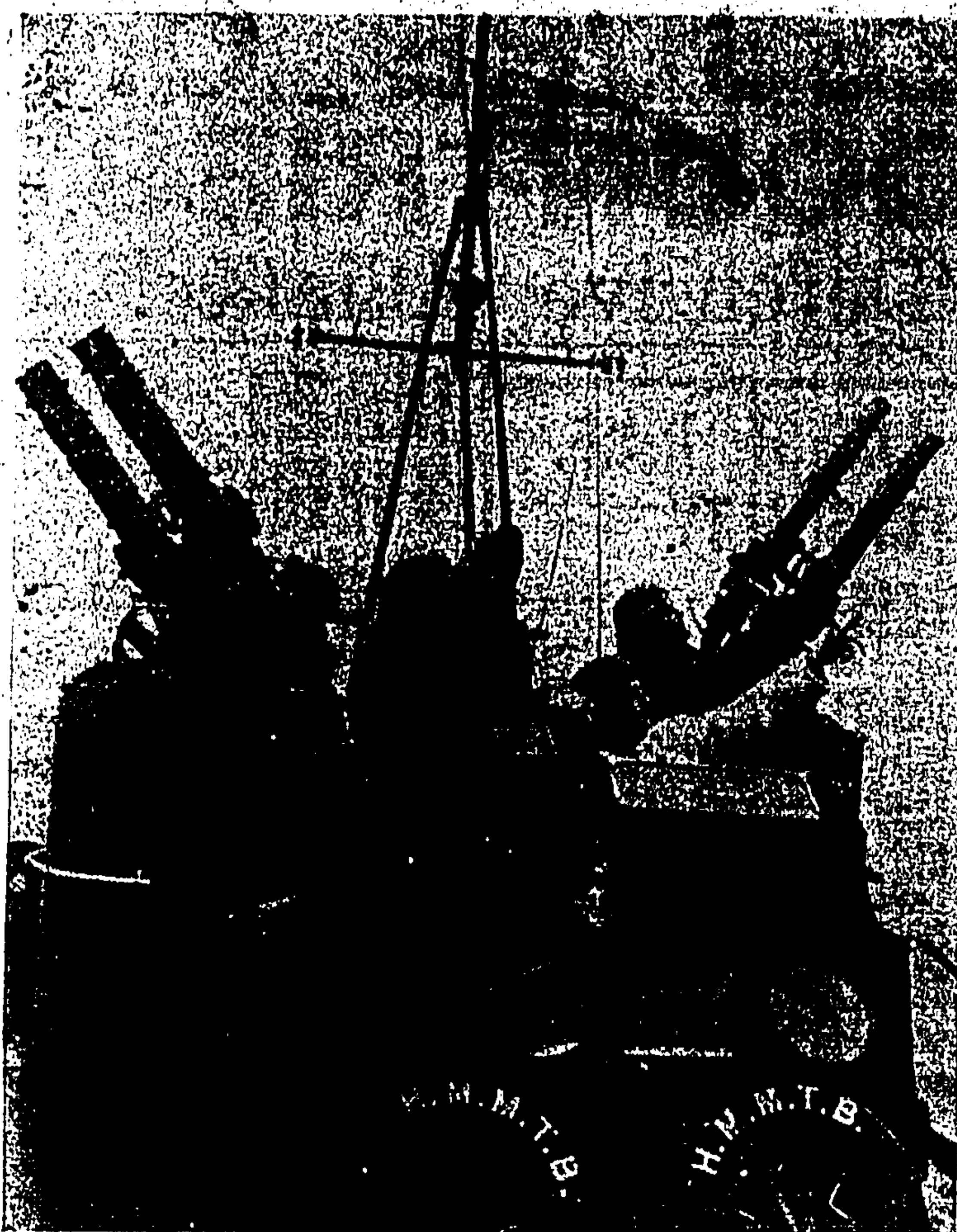


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NAZI SOLDIERS COMPLAIN ABOUT FOOD RATIONS

Luxembourg, March 4.

Information from excellent sources makes it possible to state that in Germany, besides the official propaganda through the newspapers and wireless, there exists also the propaganda of the spoken word.

Of this spoken propaganda I have found many traces in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

There are about 10,000 German subjects here, and through them this country carries on fairly continuous relations with Germany. The latest examples of spoken Hitler propaganda are worthy of mention.

To impress Germans with the necessity for the strict food rationing to which they are subjected, this spoken propaganda spreads the report that the nations of Western Europe, and particularly Great Britain, are much more severely rationed.

SURPRISED BY TRUTH

A German industrial worker who has just arrived here was stupefied to learn that ships were still entering Antwerp and, above all, the Port of London.

In fact, the story is systematically told in Germany that submarines, magnetic mines and bombing aeroplanes have given the Reich complete mastery of the North Sea.

This man would not believe that the Grand Duchy was living under a normal food regime until he had seen for himself that the food shops could sell, without restriction of quantity, everything displayed in their windows.

He said: "In Germany shop windows are dressed as in peacetime, but one cannot buy anything except with ration cards."

In Luxembourg, one notices the curious effect of food restrictions, and above all, of the substitutes, on adult Germans who have come from Germany.

As soon as they arrive, they begin to eat ravenously the wholesome and plentiful food of the Grand Duchy. Often they become ill after eating, their stomachs being unaccustomed to a normal diet.

Many German soldiers, on leave from a sector opposite the Maginot Line, have begun to complain that the leave ration is inferior to the fighting ration. This discontent is increased by the news they hear of the restrictions applied to their families.

AN AID TO MORALE

A whispered report intended to keep up the morale of German civilians as well as soldiers is that of an imminent air and naval invasion of Great Britain. The most sober-minded Germans recount to their relatives in the Grand Duchy the supposed details of this operation, as follows:

"German aeroplanes are going to drop on an area of Great Britain, already determined, hundreds of parachutists armed with machine-guns and explosives. These men will use their explosives to obtain material for barricades, behind which they will entrench themselves.

"Hundreds of German transport planes will follow, each with 10 strongly armed men.

"Then boats with a very shallow draught, capable of passing over the mine-fields at high tide, will bring reinforcements to the first thousands.

"Thus, while the British divisions are occupied on the Continent or in Asia Minor, Great Britain will be attacked at its heart."

PICKPOCKET CAUGHT AT THEATRE

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. R. Edwards on Law Yau, 20, unemployed, this morning, for the theft at the Central Theatre on Saturday.

It was said that a Chinese was purchasing a ticket in the booking office, when defendant removed a pen and pencil from his pocket.

Defendant, who had two previous convictions, was also recommended for banishment.

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SWEDEN INCLINED TO FIGHT SHY OF FINNISH PROPOSAL

Stockholm, To-day.

A REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED defensive alliance between Norway, Sweden and Finland was made by M. Gunther, Swedish Foreign Minister, in a speech on Saturday night.

It was an extremely complicated matter, he said, and required intensive study. That study had been begun so far as Sweden was concerned.

PAINFUL PICTURE OF FINLAND TO-DAY

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finns are making herculean efforts to complete the evacuation of the surrendered areas within the short time at their disposal.

To enable the work to proceed as smoothly as possible, people throughout the country have ceased travelling unless it is absolutely essential.

Travelling on the daily train between Helsinki and Turku aerodrome, Reuter's correspondent stood in a corridor packed tight with hollow-eyed soldiers and weary girl members of the Lotta Svard.

En route, hordes attempted to board the train from shattered remains of local stations, not one of which had been spared by Soviet bombs.

A leading insurance expert estimates that the damage done by air raids on Finland's cities was £10,000,000.

Life is gradually returning to normal in most areas in the country and the schools will be re-opened by April. —Reuter.

NO FINNISH TROOPS DISCHARGED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

According to reports from Helsinki no demobilization orders for the Finnish Army have followed the peace treaty with Russia, the ratification of which was signed on Saturday night by M. Rytli.

Troop training is still going on and the older classes are building fortification works along the new frontier.

Workers called up into the war factories will continue at these posts for another three months. —Hayas.

TURKEY CALLS UP N.C.O.'S FOR TRAINING

Istanbul, To-day.

Another step towards the calling-up of all experienced officers in the Istanbul district was taken yesterday when 11 classes of infantry N.C.O.'s in the Faith area were ordered to report for 31 days training.

N.C.O.'s in other branches of the service such as the artillery, cavalry and communications have already been called up. —Reuter.

He declared that the Swedish Government was fully convinced that if the Allied troops had gone through Sweden, Sweden would have been dragged into war. Germany could not be unaffected by the establishment of British and French troops in the North.

As far back as January 29, M. Gunther said, Moscow had said in a note that Russia, in principle, was not opposed to a settlement with the Finnish Government, but the latter must put forward proposals to form a basis for negotiations. —Reuter.

Seeking To Exploit Anxieties

Stockholm, To-day.

A period of diplomatic and political activity unprecedented in the northern countries has now begun.

The following points emerge clearly; firstly that Germany and Russia are seeking to exploit the anxieties of the northern countries to extend their hold on them; secondly the rights and wrongs of the Soviet-Finnish settlement is proving so controversial that the internal political situation of some northern countries is likely to be affected.

It is widely believed here that Germany hopes to participate in the defensive alliance which Finland proposed to Norway and Sweden and the arrival of two Nazi officials at Stockholm over the week-end was certainly connected with the present political situation.

GERMAN HOPES

Moreover Germany is redoubling propaganda efforts to persuade the northern countries that Britain and France will make a battlefield of Scandinavia.

Germany hopes to persuade them that their salvation lies in entrusting themselves to German protection.

The Scandinavian attitude to the German approach may be expressed in the phrase: "Preserve us from our friends."

Russia's efforts to extend her influence are less amiably regarded. —Reuter.

Baltic States Confer

Riga, To-day.

A communique issued at the close of the conference of Baltic Foreign Ministers states that any initiative aiming at "the establishment of a just and lasting peace would be supported by Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania by all the means in their power."

The communique expresses satisfaction at the conclusion of the Russo-Finnish peace and reiterates the resolution of the three states to maintain their neutrality and announces steps for closer collaboration in the economic field. —Reuter.

LATEST R.A.F. CASUALTY LIST

London, To-day.

An Air Ministry casualty list contains 59 names, including Sister A. B. Kotley among eight who have died on active service.

Sister Kotley is the fourth woman attached to the Air Force to die on active service. The other three were aircraft women.

Apart from two officers wounded and one missing, all the other casualties were officers and men killed or died of wounds or illness. —Reuter.

SWEDISH AID TO FINLAND

Stockholm, To-day.

Sweden is helping Finland evacuate the surrendered areas by sending hundreds of buses and lorries to transport the evacuees.

In answer to a radio appeal, private citizens and transport companies have presented their cars and lorries and buses for registration by the Swedish Automobile Association.

Only large vehicles are being sent at the moment. Some are being transferred by special ships from Stockholm, while others are going north to cross the ice to Vasa, the Finnish port half-way up the Gulf of Bothnia.

A number of bus services in Sweden have been suspended and the vehicles thus released are being sent to Finland. They will immediately begin the evacuation of Hangoe and the frontier zones.

The Red Army is to "take up residence" of the areas surrendered next Friday. —Reuter.

6,000 REFUGEES ARRIVE IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, To-day.

About 6,000 Finnish children and their mothers have arrived in Sweden by train from Northern Finland. They will remain in Sweden until the evacuation of the surrendered areas has been completed. —Reuter.

THE BETTER BUTTER RATION

London, Yesterday.

The Ministry of Food announces that the ration allowance of butter will be raised from four to eight ounces per week as from March 25.

This increase has been possible owing to the favourable supply situation now obtaining.

Catering establishments will also be permitted to serve double the former ration of butter with meals which they serve. —British Wireless.

ADMIRAL YONAI BEGS THE QUESTION

London, To-day.

The only British Press reaction so far to Japanese Premier Yonai's statement is an editorial in the "Observer" which says that it is not clear exactly

NAZI THREATS ON TRADE

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Nazis appear to have launched a campaign to oust Britain from the Scandinavian markets.

Using the trade agreements which Britain has just concluded with Norway and Denmark as the pretext, the German Government, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant," has been making urgent representations to the Scandinavian on the requirements of "true neutrality."

The correspondent says that these countries were told that Germany, in any case, is able to take more raw materials and foodstuffs from them than Britain.

Although the British agreements are scoffed at in Berlin as "compensation for the failure of British diplomacy over Finland," it is argued that Britain is endeavouring by these means to gain control of Scandinavian coastal waters, and it is declared that should the northern countries permit British warships to exercise such control they would be guilty of a breach of their neutrality as serious as if they had stopped exchanging goods with Germany at the instigation of Britain. —Reuter.

THE KEYNES PLAN

London, March 1.

Sir Theodore Chambers, senior vice-chairman of the National Savings Committee, speaking at an Industrial Co-Partnership Association luncheon in London yesterday, said Mr. J. M. Keynes's scheme for deferred pay was very attractive and most interesting, and it had done an immense amount of good that Mr. Keynes should ventilate his ideas, but if they could get the same effect by a voluntary system it would be infinitely better for the country.

He rather feared an attempt to impose this by compulsion. The machinery would be extremely complicated, delicate, and difficult, and it would involve an almost universal means test because it was quite clear that if a levy was made on the individual wage they must take into account the particular circumstances of each person. Every single case would be entirely different. He believed that in the end less money would be raised than if they all put their backs into it.

The savings movement's plan was to get people to form themselves into groups of savers. Already there were over 55,000 groups or clubs in the country, and of these 18,000 had been formed since November, 13 weeks ago. Many of the clubs run into tens of thousands of members and he estimated that there must be between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 savers in the country. Through these clubs in the main the total of savings certificates and defence bonds amounted to £21,000,000.

how Japan hopes to impose her terms. Wang is a necessary instrument so far as occupied China is concerned, but doesn't Yonai beg the question unless he can induce Chiang and Wang to co-operate? —Reuter.

Violent New Peace Offensive Predicted HITLER AND DUCE MEET AT BRENNER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

LIVELIEST SPECULATION HAS BEEN AROUSED IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES BY OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE SUSPICION THAT SIGNOR MUSSOLINI'S "MYSTERY TRIP" TO NORTH ITALY IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING HITLER.

The meeting is to take place at Brenner on the borders of Italy and Austria, and German official quarters state that it was arranged by Ribbentrop when he went to Rome, although there is some belief that Hitler sought the meeting with Mussolini subsequently to try personally to gain assurances from Il Duce which Ribbentrop failed to extract.

Other quarters predict a new peace offensive, with which the name of Mr. Sumner Welles is inevitably linked. Rumours have in fact gone so far as to suggest that Mr. Sumner Welles, in view of the development, which followed his second talk with Il Duce, may postpone his return to the United States.

There is, however, no confirmation of the report and officially Mr. Welles will leave on Wednesday on schedule. — Havas.

Arranged By Ribbentrop

Berlin, To-day.

It is officially announced that the meeting between Signor Mussolini and Hitler was arranged during von Ribbentrop's recent visit to Rome.

The meeting will be held to-day (Monday) in Brenner, the frontier village. — Reuter.

Count Ciano With Mussolini

Rome, To-day.

Count Ciano has accompanied Signor Mussolini on his trip to Brenner.

General impression in diplomatic and political quarters in Rome is that the Mussolini-Hitler meeting must be presumed to be connected with the activities of Mr. Sumner Welles, particularly his interviews yesterday with King Victor Emmanuel and Mussolini and Ciano. — Reuter.

An Attempt To Relieve Strain In Relations?

Paris, To-day.

Well-informed circles in Paris believe that the Hitler-Mussolini meeting may have partly been inspired by the strain which is being put on Italo-German relations and which have been apparent below the surface for some time.

The strain is said to have become particularly evident during Ribbentrop's visit and to have been supported by information from Rome which was to the effect that Italy does not intend to change her attitude towards Russia.

At the same time, it is understood that authoritative quarters in Rome connect the meeting of the Dictators with the presence in Rome of Mr. Sumner Welles, though the exact connection is not defined.

PEACE MOVE

It is understood that diplomatic quarters in Rome were more interested in Mr. Welles' second visit than his first. Though not much hope is entertained in Rome for a successful peace drive, it is expected that a move will be made.

Well-informed circles lay stress on the statement yesterday in Count Ciano's newspaper, "Telegrafo," that the war may last a very long time. — Reuter.

Pressure On Mr. Welles For Peace Drive

London, To-day.

Nothing is known in diplomatic circles in London of the reasons for the departure of Signor Mussolini for northern Italy to meet Hitler.

There is little doubt, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, that Herr von Ribbentrop's visit to Rome was undertaken partly for the purpose of taking advantage of Mr. Sumner Welles' tour, to launch a peace offensive.

The "New York Times" reported from Rome that pressure was being exerted on Mr. Sumner Welles "to induce the United States to throw its weight behind a negotiated peace."

Gen. Balbo's newspaper "Corriere" also links Mr. Welles' with the possibility of an early peace.

Mr. Welles has repeatedly emphasised that his mission is solely to establish facts and not to make proposals or to enter into any commitments on behalf of his Government. — Reuter.

Mr. Sumner Welles To See Pope To-day

Rome, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles is expected to leave Rome this evening for Genoa to meet his wife who has been spending the last few days at San Remo.

His departure for the United States has been fixed for 1 p.m. on Wednesday in the Italian liner "Conte di Savoia."

Mr. Welles saw the American Ambassador yesterday morning. He is to be received in private audience by the Pope and 10 a.m. this morning, accompanied by Mr. Myron Taylor.

After the audience, Mr. Welles will see Cardinal Maglione, the Papal Secretary of State. — Reuter.

GENERAL WAVELL IN CAPE TOWN

Capetown, To-day.

General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of British Forces in the Middle East, has arrived here for a 2-day discussion with the Government and military authorities.

He said that his talks in Kenya on the way down had been satisfactory. He also held discussions in Rhodesia and he is expected to visit Bulawayo (in Southern Rhodesia) on his way back to Cairo. — Reuter.

DUBLIN'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Dublin, To-day.

The coincidence of Palm Sunday and St. Patrick's Day yesterday was referred to by Prime Minister De Valera on Saturday night, when he said that he believed that this coincidence had occurred only once in the last 140 years.

The usual celebrations in Dublin were curtailed by the war. There were no military parades, although a troop of cavalry escorted President Hyde to a special Protestant service. De Valera and Ministers attended a Catholic service. — Reuter.

M. GRIPENBERG OFF TO HELSINKI

London, To-day.

M. Gripenberg, Finnish Minister to London, left for Helsinki on Saturday. It is not known how long he will stay away. — Reuter.

HITLER HAS LOST FIVE BIG INDUSTRIAL CHIEFS

Hitler has lost another industrial king, the Silesian coal magnate Count Carl Henkel-Dönhörmarsch, who died after an "accident."

Since the Berlin-Moscow Pact, five leaders of German heavy industry have gone—Fritz Thyssen and Dr. Hugenberg fled to Switzerland; the steel king Otto Wolff died mysteriously in Cologne; young Krupp was killed in Poland; and Henkel-Dönhörmarsch's managing director, Dr. Beck, committed suicide the day after his chief's death.

All five opposed the deal with Moscow, and were close collaborators of Goering's, says the Paris "Solr."

This series of disappearances and mysterious deaths is part of a purge of great industrial leaders.

BEST FAIRY TALE SINCE "SNOW WHITE"

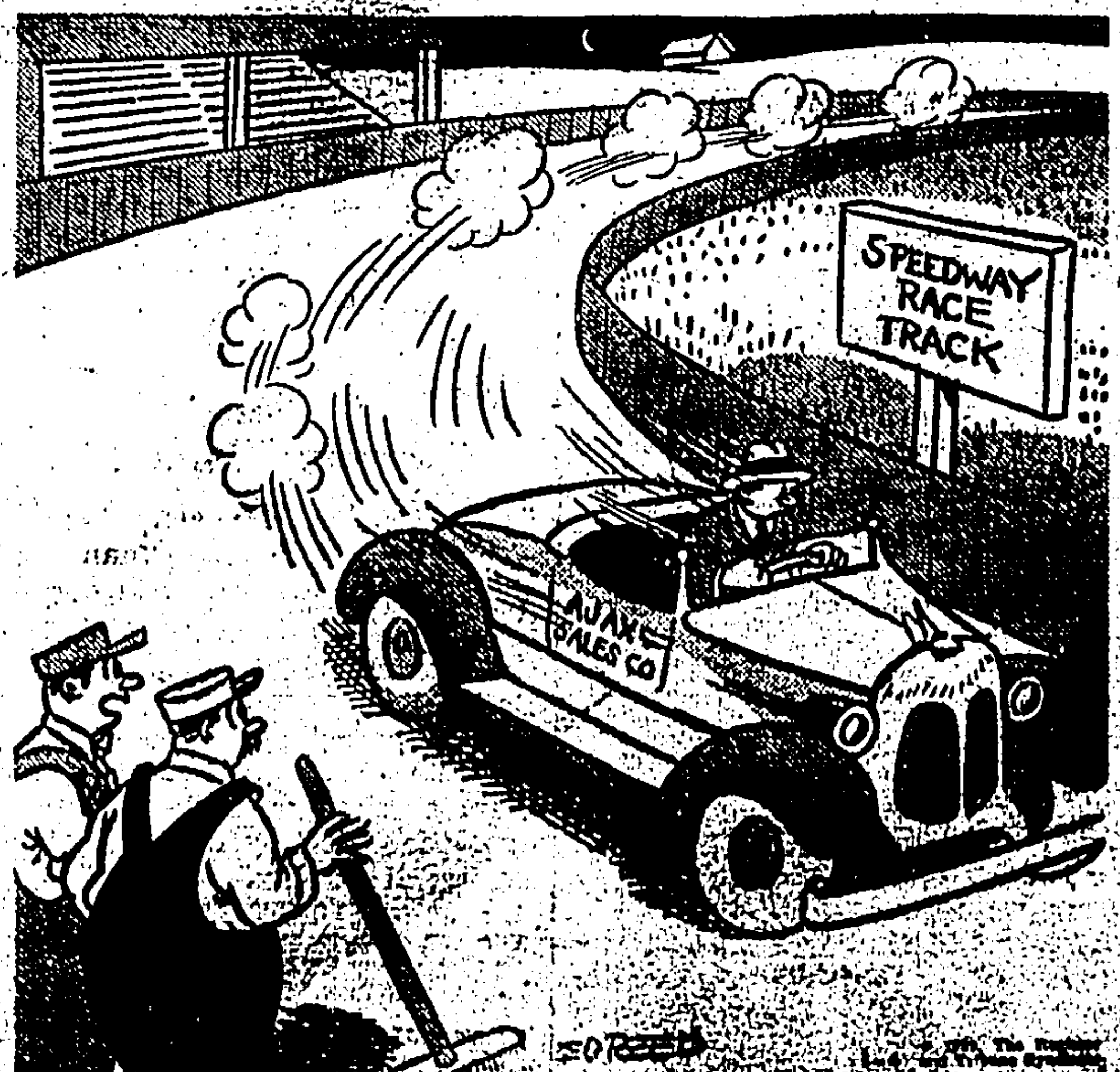
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

"The best fairy tale I've heard since Snow White," was how Mr. Joseph Kennedy, American Ambassador to Britain, termed the report, alleging that strained relations exist between the British Government and himself. — Havas.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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BIG OFFENSIVE POSSIBLE?

London, To-day.

The War Office announces that owing to unforeseen delay, men coming home on leave from the B.E.F. have been temporarily retarded.

Normal leave will be resumed as early as possible.

An official communique issued by the French H.Q. last night stated that "there has been marked activity of reconnaissance parties to the west of the Vosges."

The whole line has been extremely active in the last 48 hours. — Reuter.

FIFTY HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMBS DROPPED BY NAZIS ON ORKNEY ISLANDS

London, To-day.

MORE THAN FIFTY HIGH explosive bombs were dropped on the island of West Orkney, as well as many scores of smaller incendiary bombs, during the Nazi "raid on Scapa Flow."

The first civilian casualty of the war in the Orkneys, if not in the British Isles, was that of a man residing near the civil aerodrome at Stromness.

He was killed by a high explosive bomb while standing within the doorway of his home watching the tracer bullets and the anti-aircraft shell-bursts.

The bomb was one of nineteen dropped by an escaping enemy plane on the island.

The dead man leaves a widow and an infant son.

The same bomb injured two of his neighbours, both men who were standing at their doors and the same batch of bombs wrecked the cottage of an elderly woman, who crawled from the wreckage and collapse on the road. Another woman and an elderly man were injured.

IT IS LEARNED THAT ALL ALONG THE COAST OF SCOTLAND ON SATURDAY NIGHT GERMAN PLANES TRIED TO BOMB NAVAL AND MILITARY OBJECTIVES.

HEINKEL BOMBERS TRIED TO REACH THE FORTH BRIDGE BUT WERE BEATEN OFF BY BRITISH FIGHTERS AND NEVER GOT WITHIN BOMBING DISTANCE OF THE BRIDGE.

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NAVAL STATEMENT

It was stated in British naval circles last night: "The fact that the German High Command is so eager to magnify the air skirmish over Scapa Flow and the ridiculous claims they have made of inflicting damage on units of the British fleet betrays their undue nervousness and almost childish desire to have something to boast about."

It has always been recognised that our eastern and northern bases are subject to air attack, but we are confident of giving a good account of ourselves as the fighting proceeds.

It is very significant that only a small portion of the forces which the enemy despatched upon the raid cared to come into action.

Others must have missed their way.

VILLAGE BOMBING

Even of those which arrived, the bulk were content to kill and wound civilians in a small village five or six miles from the harbour rather than face the fire of our ships and batteries."

The Air Ministry announces that in the course of yesterday's daylight reconnaissance flights in the Heligoland Bight, British machines bombed a number of German naval patrol vessels between Borkum and Heligoland. — Reuter.

German Plane Wreck Found Off Denmark

Copenhagen, To-day.

The wreckage of a German military plane was found yesterday on the Danish island of Laaland, in the Baltic Sea.

Two parachutes were found near the plane and it is thought that the crew escaped with the use of these and then destroyed the plane by setting it on fire. — Reuter.

BARNARD MEDAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

M. Frederick Joliot was awarded the Barnard Gold Medal for 1940 for outstanding contributions to the cause of Science.

This medal, named after the late Frederick Barnard, President of the Columbia University, is awarded every five years by the United States Academy of Sciences. — Havas.

LIVELY ACTIVITY NEAR SAAR

Paris, To-day.

There has been renewed patrol activity on the Western Front during the past two or three days, particularly in the Saar region and west of the Saar.

German patrols were out day and night, and at times came fairly close to the French lines. French heavy artillery dispersed several large parties.

There has also been exchanges of fire between casemates on the Rhine. — Reuter.

MR. WELLES THANKS DALADIER

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles has telegraphed M. Daladier expressing thanks for his reception in Paris and declaring:—

"The conversations I had the honour to have with you and various statesmen have been particularly frank and useful. I will report on them in detail to President Roosevelt on my return to Washington."

M. Daladier replied, expressing his pleasure at the useful conversation and asking Mr. Welles to act as an interpreter of his feelings to President Roosevelt. — Reuter.

EUGENICS BILL MOVED IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The first interpellator on the Eugenics Bill in the Diet, Mr. Hisayoshi Murumatsu, urged the Government to adopt measures to increase the population in Japan in order to counteract the effect the Bill might have on the birth-rate of the country.

He pointed out that the increase in population had considerably fallen of late. — Havas.

PORTUGUESE STEAMER HELD UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lisbon, To-day.

The Portuguese steamer Casseque was hailed by a French warship near Lisbon on March 14, the Navy Ministry announces, adding that the vessel was compelled to go to Casablanca where she arrived on Friday night.

No information is yet available regarding the incident. — Havas.

RUMANIA'S PEACE CONCERNS

Bucharest, To-day.

"We want peace but a peace that respects our rights, and, therefore we are on the watch," declared the Premier, M. Tatarescu, in a speech broadcast last night.

"Our main concern this year must be the strengthening of the army and defences generally."

An extraordinary credit of 30 milliards of lei has been allotted to the army in the budget.

M. Tatarescu declared that the output of the mines and oil-fields must be increased to a maximum.

He thought that a great part of the difficulties facing the country had come to an end owing to the Government's efforts to consolidate Rumania's position internationally and make her strong internally.

Alluding to the reinstatement of the Iron Guards, the Premier said that the policy of internal pacification was beginning to bear fruit in restoring peace among all the sons of the nation. — Reuter.

U.S. MINE DISASTER: 60 MISSING

St. Clairsville, Ohio,

To-day.

Fears are felt for the safety of about 60 men trapped as a result of a mysterious explosion on Saturday in the Willow Grove coal mines 12 miles from here.

When the explosion occurred, 175 miners were below. The superintendent and a foreman were overcome when they tried to get through to the men, but were dragged to safety.

Later reports stated that rescue squads were fighting the dread menace of "black damp."

Up to the time of the latest reports, 108 men underground have been accounted for and many had been brought up or had wandered out of emergency exits.

Although communication had been established with various small parties of trapped men, the main section affected was silent, and as it is believed that electrical communications with the section are in good working order, there may be heavy loss of life in that gallery. — Reuter.

RESCUE PARTY CASUALTIES

St. Clairsville, Ohio, To-day.

Sixty-five miners are entombed and feared to be dead as the result of an explosion in the Willow Grove coal mine here.

Two members of the rescue party were killed while assisting in rescue work. There are 113 survivors. — Reuter.

TRAGEDY SURVIVOR VERY ILL

The "China Mail" learns that Mr. Peter Cathrew, one of the four survivors of the Wanchai waterfront motor-car tragedy, is now in the War Memorial Nursing Home, seriously ill.

Mr. Cathrew was discharged from the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday morning, having apparently recovered from the effects of his immersion and shock, but later in the day he developed a high temperature and was taken to the War Memorial Nursing Home where, it is believed, he is ill with pneumonia.

CABINET RE-SHUFFLE

French Premier's Decision Expected To-Day

PARIS POLITICAL SPECULATION

PARIS, TO-DAY.

BY MONDAY NIGHT, AT THE LATEST, THE COUNTRY SHOULD KNOW WHETHER OR NOT M. DALADIER HAS DECIDED TO RE-SHUFFLE HIS CABINET AND TO CREATE AN INNER WAR CABINET.

The big debate in the Chamber of Tuesday on the Finnish situation may thus assume added importance with the Deputies taking the opportunity of questioning the Prime Minister on the composition of the Cabinet.

There is much speculation in political circles during the week-end on the form which the re-shuffle might take.

The formation of a "War Cabinet" of which M. Daladier would remain the head was considered to be most likely.

This might be accompanied by a general reshuffle of the Ministries.

In other quarters, it is thought probable that a former Prime Minister might be asked to take over the Foreign Ministry.

It is also considered likely that a member of the present Government will be appointed France's first Minister of Information. — Reuter.

CHANGES PREDICTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

That the Premier, M. Daladier, may reshuffle the Cabinet is considered most likely by the diplomatic editor of the Paris edition of the New York "Herald Tribune."

The writer is of the opinion that an All-War Cabinet, capable of taking speedy decisions, will be formed, and adds that M. Daladier may nominate a Foreign Minister in order to relieve the burden on his shoulders.—Havas.

IN BRITAIN ALSO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

One of the consequences of the conclusion of peace between Finland and Russia has been the bringing up in Britain, as in France, of the question as to whether it would not be possible greatly to strengthen the Cabinet and grant it power to wage war with increased energy.

The possibility of reducing the number of Ministers in the War Cabinet and forming a Government in which Ministers would not be attached to any one department has been discussed of late frequently.

It is thought that Mr. Chamberlain may take advantage of the Easter holidays to effect whatever changes he may consider necessary in the Cabinet. — Havas.

DESTITUTE WHO STOLE BOTTLES OF MILK

Li Hok-pun, 21, was ordered to be expelled from the Colony as a destitute by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., this morning, when convicted of stealing three bottles of milk from No. 79A, Wongneichung Road yesterday.

Inspector A. V. Baker said defendant drank one bottle and was arrested with the other two in Broadwood Road.

FINLAND AND OLYMPIAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

It is learned from Helsinki that the Finnish Olympic Committee favours the organisation of the Olympiads on a restricted programme in Helsinki this summer, hoping for the participation of fifteen nations, including Japan, Italy and the United States.

The final decision depends upon opinion in the International Olympic Committee, which has arranged a meeting for May.—Havas.

IF HITLER HAS ANY INTEREST IN JUSTICE, IT

CAN ONLY BE TO ESCAPE IT

London, To-day.

ACQUIESCENCE IN THE FATE of Finland was a triumph of evil force over moral weakness, declared Sir Archibald Sinclair, Liberal M.P., in a broadcast last night.

"It will be the duty of Parliament next week to consider how far, if at all, our own Government should be blamed for giving Finland too little help and giving it too late.

"It may be clear, however, from the pronouncements the Finnish leaders themselves have made that the responsibility for the tragic issue of the war rests upon the Governments of Sweden and Norway, who bowed before the threat of German force and were intimidated by the German terror in Poland."

He continued that behind the deceptive appearance of quietness lay a reality of gigantic conflict. It was idle to say why not peace now before the great battles and bloodshed began. The answer was simple—the Nazi Government rested on and respected nothing but force.

VALUELESS SLOGAN

"Peace with Justice now is a downright slogan, because nobody could honestly believe Hitler is interested in justice. He cares only for the domination of Europe by force and if we were to sue for peace he would dispense to Britain and France the same justice as he is giving to the Czechs and Poles.

"If a man with Hitler's record has any interest in justice it can only be to escape it!"—Reuter.

AMERICAN PROTEST

Washington, To-day.

An appeal to the King to restrain the Navy from "belligerent acts" within the so-called American "Neutrality Zone" and a protest over the scuttling of the Wakama on February 12 when she was intercepted 15 miles off Brazil by a British warship are contained in the protest to Britain from the 21 American republics.

The protest contains the Brazil Government's characterisation of the incident as an "hostile act."

The chairman of the Inter-American Neutrality Commission said in the protest that the American republics were protesting against a violation of

CONSPIRACY FOR ARMED ROBBERY

Charged with conspiracy to rob, Lau Wai, 45, Ng Wing-cheung, 35, and Tsang Sam, 33, were this morning sentenced to six months' hard labour each by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon.

Lau and Ng were remanded for one week on a committal charge of possession of one revolver and five rounds of ammunition each.

Tsang Tam was given a further three months for possession of a knife for an unlawful purpose.

Chief Det.-Inspector A. E. Carey, prosecuting, said that accused were arrested on the night of March 12 in Laichikok Road before they could reach the house No. 214, which they intended to rob. They put up a struggle but were overpowered by the police.

The Inspector stated that accused, members of a gang of five, had held several meetings before going to rob the house.

MORAL EMBARGO

Washington, Yesterday.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, questioned by the press whether the moral embargo on certain American exports to Russia would remain in force, indicated that the Administration's policy had not ended automatically with the signature of the Russo-Finnish peace agreement. — Reuter.

the principle of the zone, which was formed for the purpose of keeping the war away from their continental waters.

The protest was an unanimous one. — Reuter.

WOMAN SENT TO PRISON FOR 3 YEARS

SENTENCE OF THREE YEARS' HARD LABOUR WAS IMPOSED BY SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR THIS MORNING ON CHENG YUE, TSUI SUI, A WOMAN, LI FUNG AND LI KWAN WHO WERE FOUND GUILTY BY A JURY OF POSSESSION OF 17,600 HEROIN PILLS AND FOUR OUNCES OF PINK MASS AT NGA CHI-WAI.

On passing sentence, the Chief Justice repeated his warning on the campaign against the traffic in drugs, that he would show no mercy whatsoever to persons who, for their own gain, poisoned their fellow-men.

The jury was composed of Messrs. T. A. R. Randle, (foreman), W. R. Wong, Yau Kam-shing, F. Wong, L. G. Ozorio, A. F. Walkden and C. M. Victor.

Mr. E. H. Williams, crown counsel, who prosecuted said that on February 5, Mr. Taylor, Chief Revenue officer Grimmer and a party visited a hut in Nga Chi-wai village and in a small room found a heroin factory in full working order. The accused were arrested. They admitted working there but stated that they were refugees and did not know it was illegal.

JUNK OVER MINEFIELD

A FISHING-JUNK MASTER, LI MING, WAS PROSECUTED BY THE NAVAL AUTHORITIES BEFORE COMMANDER G. F. HOLE, HARBOUR MASTER, IN THE MARINE COURT THIS MORNING.

He was alleged to have, without permission, entered the mine-field in West Lamma Channel on Saturday.

He admitted the charge and was fined \$10, or 10 days' imprisonment.

Appearing on behalf of the naval authorities, Sub-Lieutenant Hindmarsh said that he was on board a patrol launch at Hani Wan, Lamma Island, on Saturday and saw accused's junk, No. 1063H, pass over the mine-field from north to south. He got his launch under way and stopped accused off Po Lo Tsui.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

A BASE IN THE EAST

More and more is being heard, though there is more rumour than information, about the Army of the East. Partly it is French, stationed in Syria, under General Weygand; partly it is British, under General Wavell, in Palestine and Egypt. The mind goes back instinctively to the days of the last war, to the Army in Egypt, the Dardanelles, and the expedition to Salonika. When we were as far from the start of the war as we are now Mr. Lloyd George was beginning to point to the deadlock in the West and to the enormous cost of a "break through"; he wrote his first memorandum on policy in the East, arguing that there might be something to be said, after all, for attempting to find the weak spots in an enemy's position. Conditions in the East are different to-day. Then Turkey was against us, so that Syria, Palestine, and Mesopotamia were in hostile hands, Bulgaria came in on the same side, Austria presented a wide front for attack. The question then was how far our sea-power and the narrow base which we held in the Near and Middle East could be used to attack the enemy in the outlying regions of this vast extended front and through them drain Germany's strength at the centre. To-day all the Balkan States are neutral, Italy is a "non-belligerent," Turkey is a firm friend, Russia is uncertain. There is no question so far of a call on the Allied strength in the East whether for offence or for defence. But just because the future is unknown and because "anything may happen," this stretch of country from Syria through Palestine to Egypt is again, as it has been before in history, a base, a stronghold, of immeasurable importance, however events may go. The past six months have been invaluable, if the right things have been done, in building up the Allied Army in the East and all that such an army needs.

Germany, in a general European war, has the great advantage of interior lines. In 1914-18 she threw her strength from side to side; she not only held up the Western Front for four years but struck powerfully in Austria, Russia, Rumania, Serbia, Italy. From her central forge she launched a multitude of missiles. If she should now extend the war in Scandinavia, Holland, the Balkans, or, through Russia, in the East, she will have the like advantage. To this we oppose sea-power. Through sea-power we not only sap Germany's effort and nourish our own but we can transfer the military strength of the Allies to any point on the circumference of the conflict, however, and wherever it may spread. The Army of the East, like our existence, depends on sea-control, but this, if it is kept, gives us in the East that same advantage of interior lines that Germany holds on the Continent. There is another reason why the Allies should have an army in the East and why it should be strong. We have done little in recent years to inspire the other Powers, especially those that are not "Great." The world is inhabited by "economic names of Spain, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, whatever the high argument, make no pretty reading for the small and neutral peoples. The Scandinavian countries would be stiff now towards Germany and Russia were not these strong and the seas were frustrated, we should be condemned to the most conclusive of all our sea-power far away, and it is necessary, as Mr. Keynes once

said, not only to be formidable, but to look formidable—and to fulfil the look. In the south-east of Europe there are countries, Turkey and Rumania, which are uneasy about Russia; ever since Turkey refused to come to terms at Moscow Russia has eyed her with disfavour. In the Balkans Germany applies every artifice of political and economic pressure, while behind diplomacy and propaganda is always the shadow of the great military machine, which, especially if there is inactivity in the west, can strike suddenly in this or that direction. From every point of view it is essential that the south-east of Europe and near Asia should know that the Allies have a large and expanding power that could, if the need arose, not only be moved to their aid but moved quickly. None of these problems may be resolved at present. Much will depend on the course of the war in Finland, on Germany's success or failure in getting supplies out of Russia, on the inroads on her resources made by our blockade, on Hitler's decision whether or not at last to try the great gamble against Holland. In the meantime the opposing walls stand fast in the West, the East lies open attractively to Germany, if not as yet to Russia, and it behoves us to keep well furnished and manned a base in the East from which, if the occasion arises, to help our friends and ourselves.—"Manchester Guardian."

MICROSCOPIC MINORITIES

Communism and Fascism, whose hulking dimensions overshadow such a large area of the world, shrink to a comical scragginess in English air. Both forfeited their deposits at Silver-town, although in that raw-boned stronghold of Labour one might expect a fair number of Communists among the over-exuberant and a show of Fascism by way of reaction. Silver-town records a ten-to-one majority for the policy that the successful Labour candidate describes as "wiping out the evil thing."—"The Observer."

"OUT ON THE DEEP"

It is difficult to grasp the physical realities of a war that still keeps its distance from the Home Front. It remains, for the majority, very newspaper and filmy. But it is concrete enough for the Air Force patrols who have to face all

weathers, and for the men behind the Maginot Line who wonder whether their food and drink will be frozen before they reach "the consumer." But even for these the ordeal can hardly be so grim or continuous as for those manning the mine-sweepers around the British coast. Of that service one can think only with wonder and reverence.

The occupation of the fisherman is probably the worst remunerated, in proportion to what it demands, in the whole range of human employment. And those who follow it enrol themselves cheerfully, in time of war, in a task involving the maximum of monotonous danger and endurance. Those two facts should dispose finally of the theory that the world is inhabited by "economic man." Let us be thankful that there are springs of human devotion which cannot be rationalised. Where should we be without the men whose souls they animate? We live by trade and navigation. If the clear passage of the seas were frustrated, we should be condemned to the most conclusive of all our sea-power far away, and it is necessary, as Mr. Keynes once

LOGIC VERSUS COMMON SENSE

The right War Cabinet, as we said, should include a strong Minister representing the working economic system of the country no less definitely than the Treasury represents the vital and pervading function of finance proper. In logic, it is true, no clear line can be drawn between working-power and its related finance. In practice, the two spheres are broadly demarcated. That demarcation is a familiar fact in peace. It is a fundamental necessity in war.—J. L. Garvin.

There is another reason why the Allies should have an army in the East and why it should be strong. We have done little in recent years to inspire the other Powers, especially those that are not "Great." The world is inhabited by "economic names of Spain, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, whatever the high argument, make no pretty reading for the small and neutral peoples. The Scandinavian countries would be stiff now towards Germany and Russia were not these strong and the seas were frustrated, we should be condemned to the most conclusive of all our sea-power far away, and it is necessary, as Mr. Keynes once

OFFICIAL LONDON ON HITLER-DUCE MEETING

London, To-day.

NO PARTICULAR SURPRISE was manifested in diplomatic or journalistic circles in London last night when agency reports from Italy made it known that Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler were to meet and that Signor Mussolini had left Rome for that purpose.

In the opinion of many shrewd observers, the failure of Herr von Ribbentrop's mission last week-end had made a meeting between the principals at an early date a foregone conclusion and the fact that the meeting has occurred sooner rather than later and before Mr. Sumner Welles has actually left on his return journey to Washington is felt slightly to increase but not greatly to change its significance.

FIXED PRICE FOR THE GILT-EDGED

London, To-day.

The committee of the London Stock Exchange announces that beginning to-day minimum prices have been fixed for certain stocks, as follows:—

Treasury one per cents, redeemable 99¼, minimum price 99¼;
Conversion 4½ per cents (assented), 98¼;
Conversion 5 per cents, 1944/48, 107½;
National defence 2½ per cents 1944/48, 98;
Conversions 2½ per cents 1948/53, 99;
Funding 2½ per cents 1952/57, 94½;
National Defence 3 per cents, 1954/-58, 98;
War Loan 3 per cents, 1955/59, 98;
Funding 2½ per cents, 1965/61, 88½;
Funding 3 per cents, 1959/69, 95;
Funding 4 per cents, 1960/90, 108½;
Victory 4 per cents, 107;
Consols 4 per cents, 1957 on later, 105½;
War Loan 3½ per cents, 1952 or later, 95;
Conversion 3½ per cents, 1961 or later, 95;
Local 3 per cents, 1912 or later, 82½;
Consols 2½ per cents, 1923 or later, 70½;

The committee adds that revised minimum prices of other trustee securities will be announced later.

The prices mentioned are below those ruling in the market at the close of business on Friday, but it is understood that one of the factors considered in fixing these prices was the interest accrued to date.—Reuter.

COLONIAL PLAN DEBATE

London, To-day.

Before Parliament adjourns for Easter on Thursday, the Commons will wish to discuss the general conduct of war in its diplomatic and financial as well as military aspects. The Prime Minister's statement on Tuesday will give a convenient opportunity for a debate in which the Opposition will have several questions to raise.

The Government's bold scheme of colonial development announced last month will be discussed in the Lords on Wednesday.—British Wireless.

Whether Herr Hitler will be more successful than his lieutenant in explaining to the head of the Italian Government the recent inconsistencies of German policy is doubted by most, and although among the diplomatic correspondents of newspapers and political commentators a variety of views are expressed, the prevailing opinion is that the Nazi chief has nothing to offer which would induce Signor Mussolini to abandon his carefully weighed policy of non-belligerency which the Fascist Grand Council has approved or to compromise the chances which, to judge by articles in Italian newspapers supposed to have close contacts with official Italian sources, he still believes to exist of preventing the spread of hostilities before they reach a decisive phase.

HITLER REFLECTIONS

Signor Mussolini will have an opportunity of learning Herr Hitler's reflections upon the measured words of the United States President in a broadcast speech yesterday which has attracted considerable attention, in which Mr. Roosevelt reaffirmed the basic principles essential to that real peace of which the peoples of Europe and the world stand in such great need.

Signor Mussolini will also be in a position to tell the Nazi Fuehrer of his latest conversations with Mr. Welles after his visit to London and Paris.

WELLES' RETICENCE

There is no reason suppose that Mr. Welles' reticence will have been less baffling in Rome than in London but even through his reserve Signor Mussolini is not likely not to have guessed something of the impression which it is confidently believed in London Mr. Welles has derived of the determination of the Allies, having been forced to take up arms in defence of the liberties of Europe, to see prevail at whatever cost in effort and sacrifice those fundamental principles of behaviour between nations which the Nazi regime has defiantly and repeatedly flouted, and with which in their belief neither its creed nor its protagonists could ever be reconciled.—British Wireless.

GERMAN ADVERTISING BANNED IN EGYPT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cairo, To-day.

Advertisements of German products have been banned throughout Egypt by the authorities.—Havas.

ITALIAN BOMBER IN FATAL CRASH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

An Italian bomber crashed near Rome yesterday killing the two occupants instantly.—Havas.

I.R.A. BOMB EXPLODES IN PADDINGTON

London, To-day.

The roar of an exploding bomb, followed by a shower of glass, awakened A.R.P. telephone girls sleeping in a hut behind Paddington Town Hall yesterday and they thought that German raiders had arrived.

It is believed that the bomb which went off had been planted by I.R.A. sympathisers. No one was injured and the damage was confined to windows.—Reuter.

ANTIPATHY TOO STRONG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

LITTLE CREDENCE IS ATTACHED BY WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES HERE TO REPORTS OF A SOVIET-ITALIAN RAPPROCHEMENT.

They point out the strong ideological divergencies and conflicting interests between the two countries.

The "Corriere Del Ticino," emphatically denies these reports, stressing, on the other hand the likelihood of very close Italian-Turkish cooperation with a view to preventing the spread of Soviet influence in the Balkans.—Havas.

STRIKE MOVEMENT IN S. AFRICA MINES

Johannesburg, To-day.

Some 85 workers at the Mufilira copper mine in the Nkana concession of the Lungwa district of Northern Rhodesia, struck to-day, demanding increased wages and other concessions.

It is expected that workers in other mines in the Nkana area will come out in sympathy to-day.—Reuter.

BELISHA TO CALL FOR WAR ACTION

London, To-day.

The House of Commons will debate Foreign Affairs tomorrow when Mr. Neville Chamberlain will review the international situation and progress of the war.

Mr. Attlee will follow and ask a number of questions regarding the Government's diplomatic and general prospects and whether the financial and economic resources of the country are being properly mobilised.

Sir Archibald Sinclair will speak for the Opposition Liberals, and it is expected that he will be followed by Mr. Hore-Belisha, the former War Minister, who will make his first speech since he gave his reasons from leaving Government, and will deal mainly with Finland.

It is understood that he will make the same kind of speech as if the Commons were discussing the question in secret session.

Mr. Hugh Dalton will wind up the debate for the Opposition and it is likely that the Prime Minister will speak again at the end of the debate.—Reuter.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S COLD IMPROVES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The condition of President Roosevelt who has been suffering from a cold has considerably improved, and on Saturday enabled the President to take part in the world-wide radio programme, sponsored by Christian organisations.—Havas.

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MILITARY MEANING OF RUSSO-FINNISH PEACE TREATY

London, To-day.

A TALK ON THE MILITARY significance of the Russo-Finnish peace treaty was given by Captain Cyril Falls, military correspondent of "The Times," from Daventry yesterday.

The Russian attack on Finland, he said, has ended as it was bound to if sufficient aid did not come in time. The reasons why that aid did not come are complicated and not wholly clear even now. In any case, they were political and he was not going to discuss them.

In connexion with the military significance, however, he was not going to go back on what he said a short time ago, that the Russians had been pulled together and that their operations against the Mannerheim Line in the Summa sector were well directed.

Apart from the ground which they lost, the Finns were exhausted by the unceasing assaults and the speed with which the Red Army followed up the Finnish withdrawals.

The Finns had no relief troops, and this was the beginning of the end.

The effect of the new frontier, the loss of the Karelian Isthmus and the northern shore of Lake Ladoga, deprives Finland of much of her power to resist any such onslaught in the future. The siting and construction of the Mannerheim Line was a work of the highest skill and these conditions cannot be replaced.

SOUTHERN COAST OPEN

Equally strong fortifications might be built on many of the big lakes, but these would not block the way to the most thickly populated and richest area of Finland, the southern coast.

Captain Falls emphasized once more that the mobile tactics the Finns used so effectively on the eastern frontier would not serve the same purpose in the south, where the Russians could deploy sufficiently to disregard them.

The demobilization of Petsamo and the Soviet right of way across to Norway seemed to be more of a concern to Norway than to Finland, because the latter could hardly have defended this area for long.

Similarly, the railway to be built, and the Soviet right of way, across Finland's waist-line, was more of a threat to Sweden, although its main purpose now might merely be for trade.

The loss of Hangoe was not for the purpose of holding Finland in chains but rather to strengthen the Soviet position in the Baltic, especially in the Gulf of Finland.

LONG AND BITTER

It might be that chances were missed by the Allies and Scandinavia and the world in general. There might be cause for self-reproach, but the sending of a relief expedition would have been difficult and hazardous, owing to vulnerable communications.

Success might have followed, but in any case the struggle would have been a long and bitter one. There is no place for optimism. Finland has been successfully weakened. It is doubtful whether in future she can maintain her defences without the whole country being virtually ruined. But she had proved her point.

He did not think Russia would ever have embarked on this war had she realised the cost. She had lost enormously.—Reuter.

BRITISH VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE

London, To-day.

The Finnish Aid Bureau in London is asking the Finnish Government for advice as to the future of the British volunteers.

The Directors of the bureau said yesterday that about 1,000 had taken the oath to fight for Finland and that 300 have already reached the Finnish frontier.—Reuter.

DUTCH MOTORSHIP ATTACKED

Amsterdam, To-day.

The crew of the Dutch motorship Netti, 477 tons, which arrived at Flushing yesterday evening, stated that she had been attacked without warning by a Nazi plane.

The attack occurred off the south-east coast of England and she was machine-gunned and bombed without effect. Nobody was hurt and the bombs missed the ship.

The Netti landed two castaways from the "Melrose" at Zeebrugge.—Reuter.

MINE EXPLOSIONS

Two terrific explosions, vibrations of which were not only experienced over the whole of Cheung Chau Island but were also felt on the mainland, occurred last night off the south-east coast of the Island.

No damage, so far, to buildings has been reported.

The entire population of the Island was awakened by the explosions and windows in buildings on the mainland rattled.

The explosions were caused by two mines, the first exploding at 11.55 p.m. last night and the second at 12.30 a.m. this morning.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION TO-DAY
Another mine exploded off Cheung Chau Island at 10 a.m. to-day.

The police from Cheung Chau Police Station are investigating.

CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Ramgarh, To-day.

At the instance of Mr. Gandhi, the Congress Working Committee adopted a resolution expressing deep regret at the death of Sir Michael O'Dwyer and the wounding of Lord Zetland and the others.

"The committee does not attach any political significance to this unfortunate act. Nevertheless, it wishes to reiterate the conviction that all such acts are injurious to the national cause."

The resolution will not come before an open session. — Reuter.

PRINCES PASS REGRETS

Lahore, To-day.

The States Council, presided over by the Maharajah of Patiala, has passed a resolution regretting the death of Sir Michael O'Dwyer and the wounding of Lord Zetland, "an outstanding friend of India and her civilization."—Reuter.

LONDON MEETING

London, Yesterday.

A remarkable demonstration of the feelings of horror felt by Indians in Britain at the murder of Sir Michael O'Dwyer was afforded by a meeting summoned urgently at India House by the India High Commissioner, Sir Firoz Khan and attended by a large and representative gathering.

A resolution expressing detestation of crime was moved by Dr. Katial, representing the Hindu Association, seconded by Dr. Mohamedi, of the Moslem Society, and supported by Dr. Patuck, President of the Parsee Association of Europe and Mr. Saptan of the India Christian Community.—British Wireless.

ANNA JOINED THE NAVY —AND ENJOYED IT!

London, February 21.

JOLLY ANNA ANDERSON, Danish ship stewardess, joined the British Navy for four days after her ship was torpedoed in the North Sea. "Never will I go to sea again," she said yesterday. "Not until the war is over, anyway. I will get back home now and get married and have a family.

"We spent four days on the destroyer and I liked 'joining' your Navy if only as a passenger. I almost became the mascot of the ship."

Laughing now that her ordeal was over, Anna said: "Your Navy was splendid. They gave me a special cabin. Someone must have moved out to make room for me, for, you know, women don't usually travel on warships. The captain gave me this scarf. I will keep it all my life as a memento."

Anna was stewardess on the Sleiner, which sunk five minutes after the crew had abandoned her.

She spent twelve hours scantily clad in an open boat before being picked up by the British destroyer. She is believed to be the first woman to "join" the British Navy.

NO EFFORT TO HELP

Speaking of the torpedoing, Anna said, "I was asleep when I must have been awakened by a shot. I also saw our sister ship, the Rhone, struck by a torpedo. We were travelling together, one convoying the other for safety.

"We were lighted up and there were huge Danish flags and neutrality marks on the side.

"We knew our turn was next and five minutes from waking up, our ship was torpedoed. I did not see the submarine, but it made no effort to help us.

"Anyway," added Anna, "I've sent a wire to my sweetheart, so now I'm going home to get married."

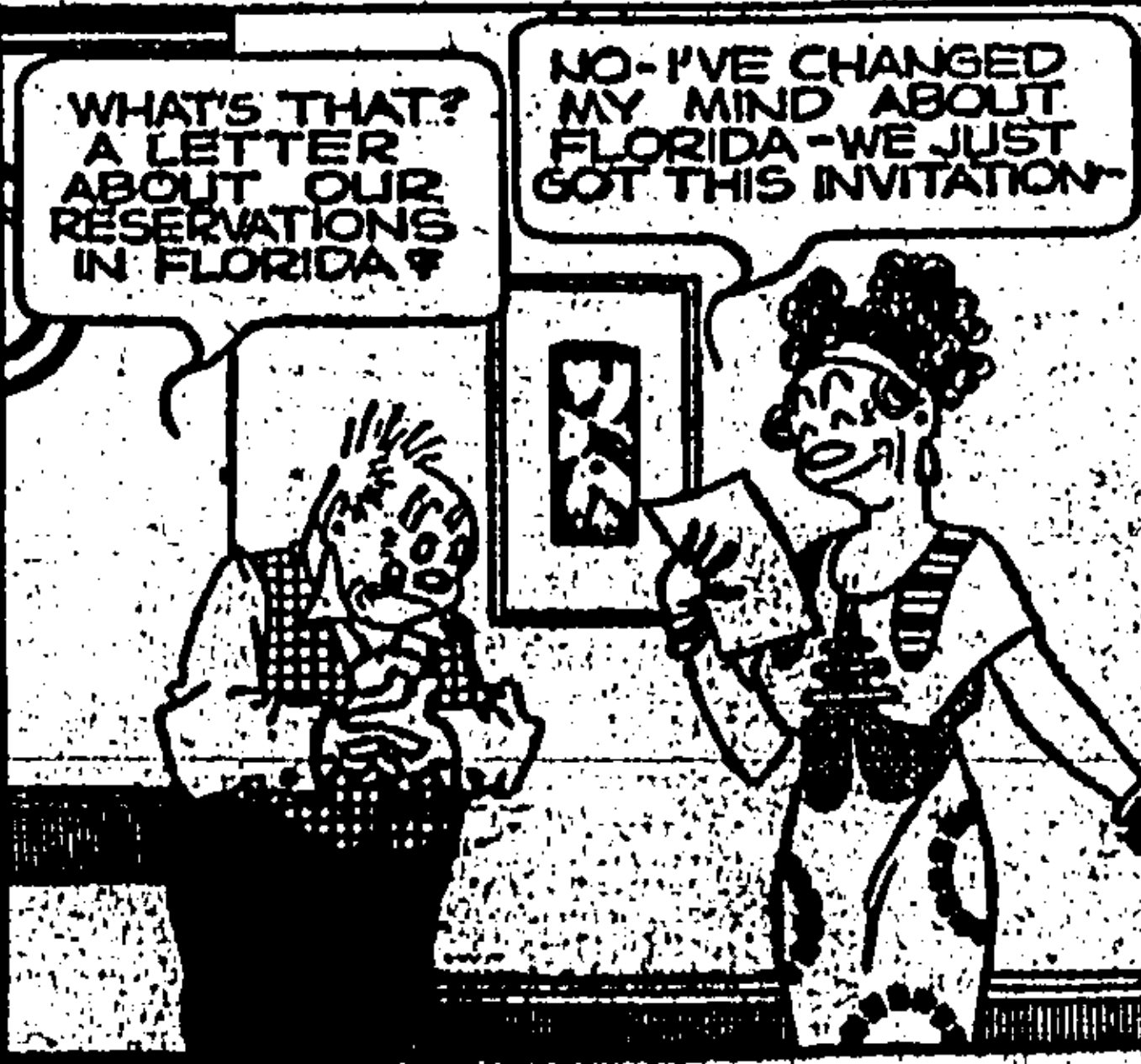
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NAZIS STILL TO LEARN THE RULES

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF A GERMAN PROTECTORATE OVER CZECH TERRITORY GIVES RISE TO STRONG PRESS COMMENT, PARTICULAR APPROVAL BEING GIVEN TO THE BROADCAST SPEECH BY LORD HALIFAX TO THE CZECH PEOPLE.

"The Times" says: "The Nazis have gained territory and material but have not even begun to win over the people."

"They have not grasped the first rule for Government of alien races, which is that government must be for the benefit of the governed. They make slaves wherever they go."

"It is with a firm resolve to restore the freedom of the Czech as well as of the Poles that the British Empire and its Allies have taken up arms."

"It is their high resolve, as Lord Halifax said, to create a new Europe in which the wrongs perpetrated a year ago will be righted and a recurrence of Hitler's act of brutality and treachery made impossible."

REMEMBRANCE

The "Daily Telegraph" describes the Halifax speech as a message of remembrance and sympathy to the Czech people, "a message which gives an assurance that great Britain has not by the lapse of time become less mindful of the obligations to them and less resolved to restore their freedom and independence."—British Wireless.

FOOD KITCHENS APPEAL

The Refugee and Social Welfare Council have till now been indebted to the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China for financing the Food Kitchens in Wanchai.

A letter has now been received from the Committee of that Fund intimating that after June next, owing to the many claims on the Fund, they will be unable to continue their support.

There are 4 food kitchens, and between 4,000 and 5,000 destitute people receive once a day a bowl of rice and vegetables etc.—and the babies are supplied with milk.

It is probable that this is the only food these people get during the 24 hours.

The Food Kitchens must be kept going. We cannot let these people starve. We need \$15,000 to carry us on to the end of the year, when other arrangements will be made for financing the Food Kitchens.

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DOUBLE THE WEIGHT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berné, Yesterday.

It is learned that a German economic mission, headed by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, ex-Reichsbank president, and Dr. Clodius, is going to Bucharest shortly.

Germany wishes to obtain a re-valuation of the mark rate with the Rumanian lei, and also desires to purchase larger quantities of Rumanian oil, wool and hides.

In exchange Germany would send Rumania machinery for oil refining and drilling.—Havas.

CALLING UP ORDERS

London, Yesterday.

The Labour Ministry announces two further dates now fixed for the registration of men under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act of 1939.

The first is April 6 for men reaching the age of 20 between March 10 and April 6, 1940, and men who reached the age of 25 during 1939.

The second is April 27 for men reaching the age of 20 between April 7 and April 27, 1940, and men who reached the age of 26 during 1939.

So far as can at present be foreseen, it is not expected that the 1912 Class—men who reached the age of 27 during the year 1939 will be called upon to register before June.

It is anticipated that each of the two age groups comprising men of 25 and 26 will produce some three hundred thousand men.

Owing to the fact that 25 is the minimum age limit for a number of trades placed on the list of reserved occupations, it is evident that the percentage of reserved men in this group will be much higher than hitherto.

Some million and a quarter men had been registered between last June and March 9.—British Wireless.

DR. COLIJN IN LONDON

London, Yesterday.

Dr. Colijn, former Dutch Prime Minister, was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace on Saturday.

Dr. Colijn is in London in connexion with the League of Nations committee which is studying the implementation of the Bruce Report—the report of the committee appointed by the League Council last year and presided over by the Australian High Commissioner in London which made recommendations for the creation of a semi-autonomous organisation, in which non-members of the League would be invited to participate, to supervise the social and humanitarian activities of the League.—British Wireless.

PLOUGHING UP THE LAND

London, Yesterday.

In view of the difficulties of ploughing operations under the unfavourable weather conditions of the past winter, the Minister of Agriculture announces the extension from March 31 to April 30 of the period of grants originally offered to farmers by the Government for ploughing fresh land to increase home food production in wartime, thus releasing merchant shipping tonnage for other purposes.

The extension also applies to grass lands of one acre or more broken up for allotments.

A special extension to May 15 will enable additional grass lands to be ploughed up for root and fodder crops.—British Wireless.

CANADIAN OFFER TO FINLAND

Toronto, Yesterday.

Mr. Mitchell Hepburn, the Ontario Premier, to-day suggested that some of the Finnish Relief Fund be spent in accepting Finnish refugees in Canada.

Mr. Hepburn said that Ontario was opening up large areas for settlement owing to overcrowding in the cities and there was plenty of room for people like the Finns.—Reuter.

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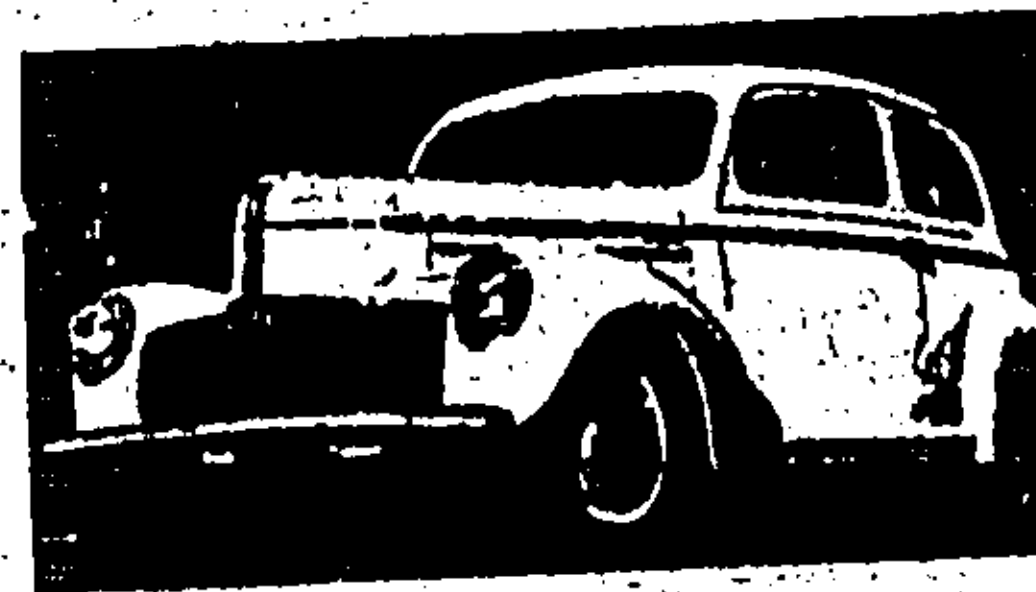
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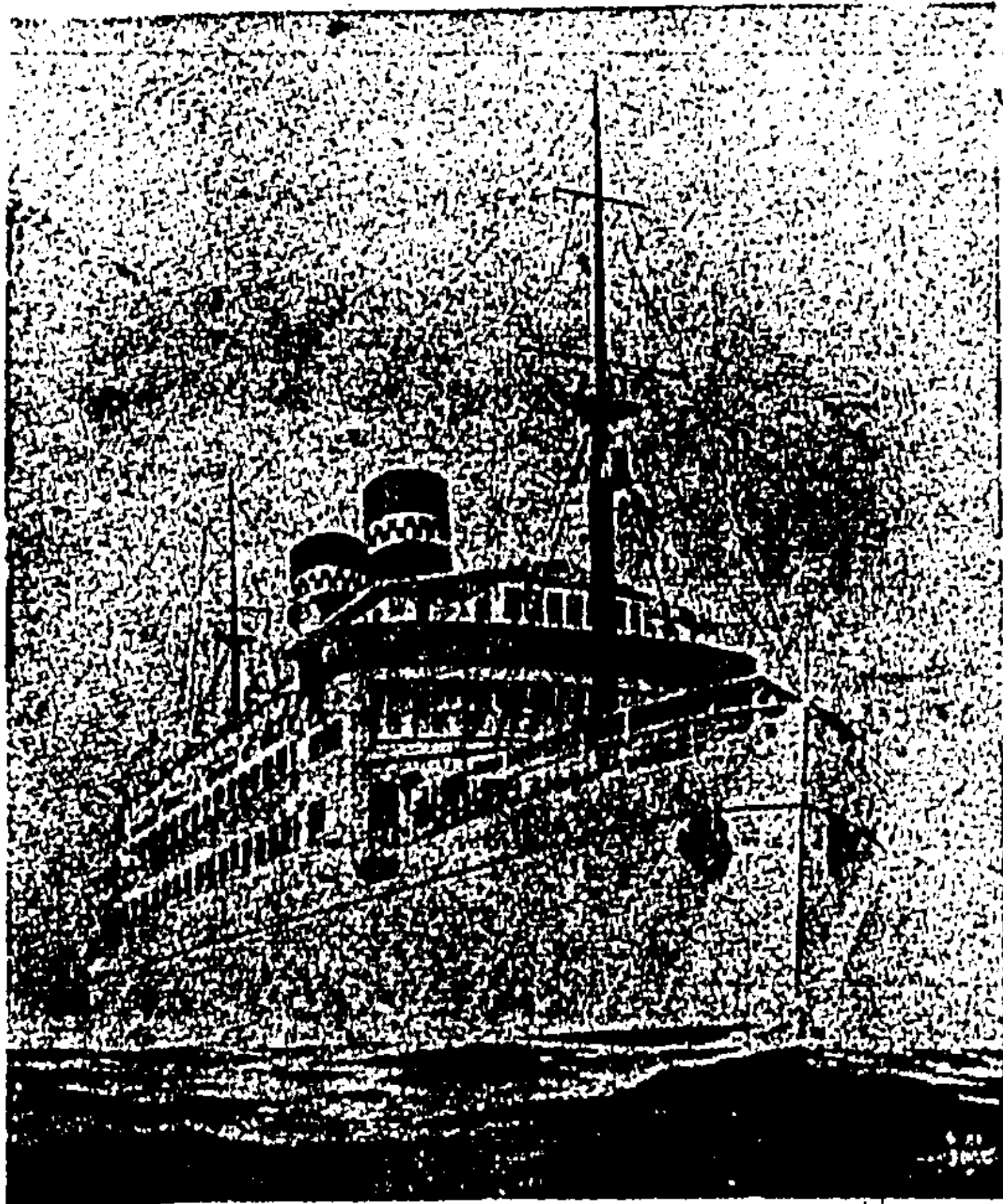
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Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date,	
13th March	March 20.
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Manila	March 20.
Bangkok and Saigon	March 20.
Straits	March 20.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San	
Francisco date, 14th March	March 21.
Australia and Manila	March 21.
Canton	March 21.
Canton	March 22.
Sandakan	March 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 14th Feb.)	March 22.
Sandakan	March 22.
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Bangkok	Mon., March 18,	12.30 p.m.
Tourane	Mar. 18,	12.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Mar. 18,	1.00 p.m.
Saigon	Mon., March 18,	6.30 p.m.
Canton	Mar. 18,	7.00 p.m.
TUESDAY		
Batavia and Sourabaya	Mar. 19,	10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoïhow	Mar. 19,	1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 27th March.	K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 19, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 19, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 19, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 19, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 25th March.	K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 19, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 19, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 19, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 19, 7.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY		
Straits and Calcutta	Wednesday, March 20.	
	Par.,	Wed., Mar. 20, 11.00 a.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., Mar. 20, Noon.
		Wed., Mar. 20, 2.00 p.m.
Haiphong	K.P.O.	
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	Reg.,	Wed., Mar. 20, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., Mar. 20, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Par.,	Wed., Mar. 20, 3.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Wed., Mar. 20, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., Mar. 20, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 28th March.	K.P.O.	
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	Ord.,	Wed., Mar. 20, 7.00 p.m.
THURSDAY		
Canton	Thur., Mar. 21,	7.15 a.m.
Amoy	Thur., Mar. 21,	2.30 p.m.
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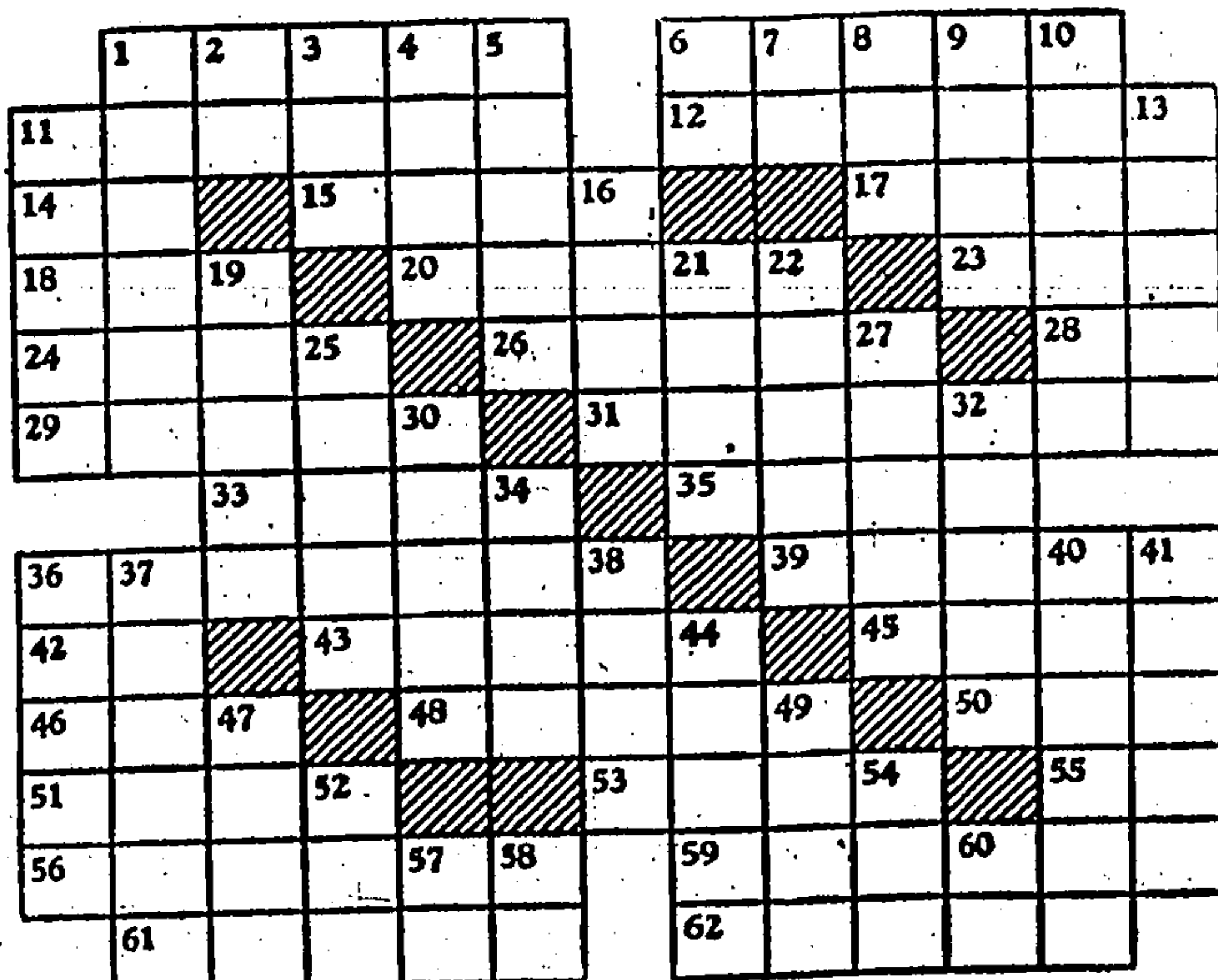
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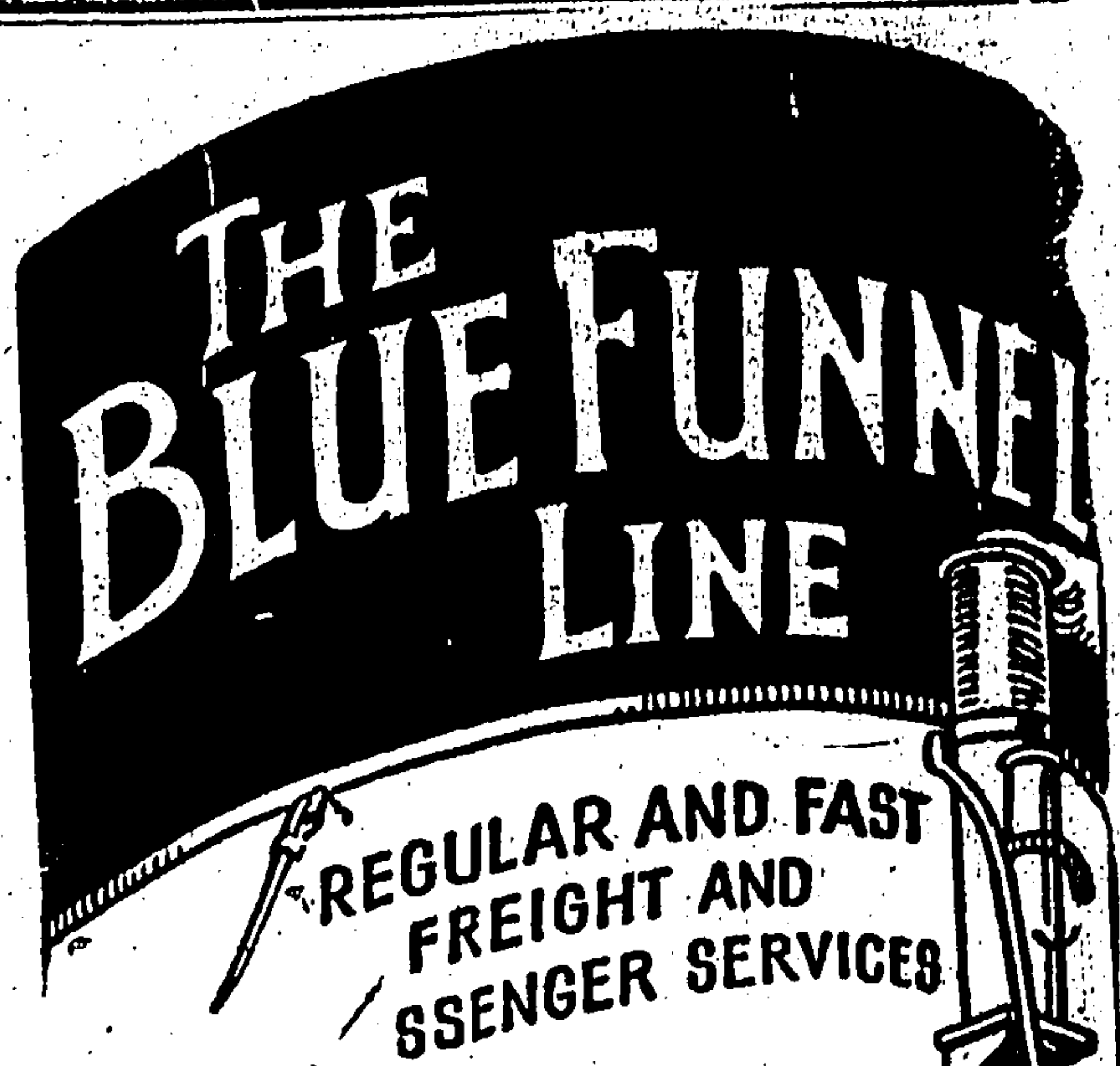
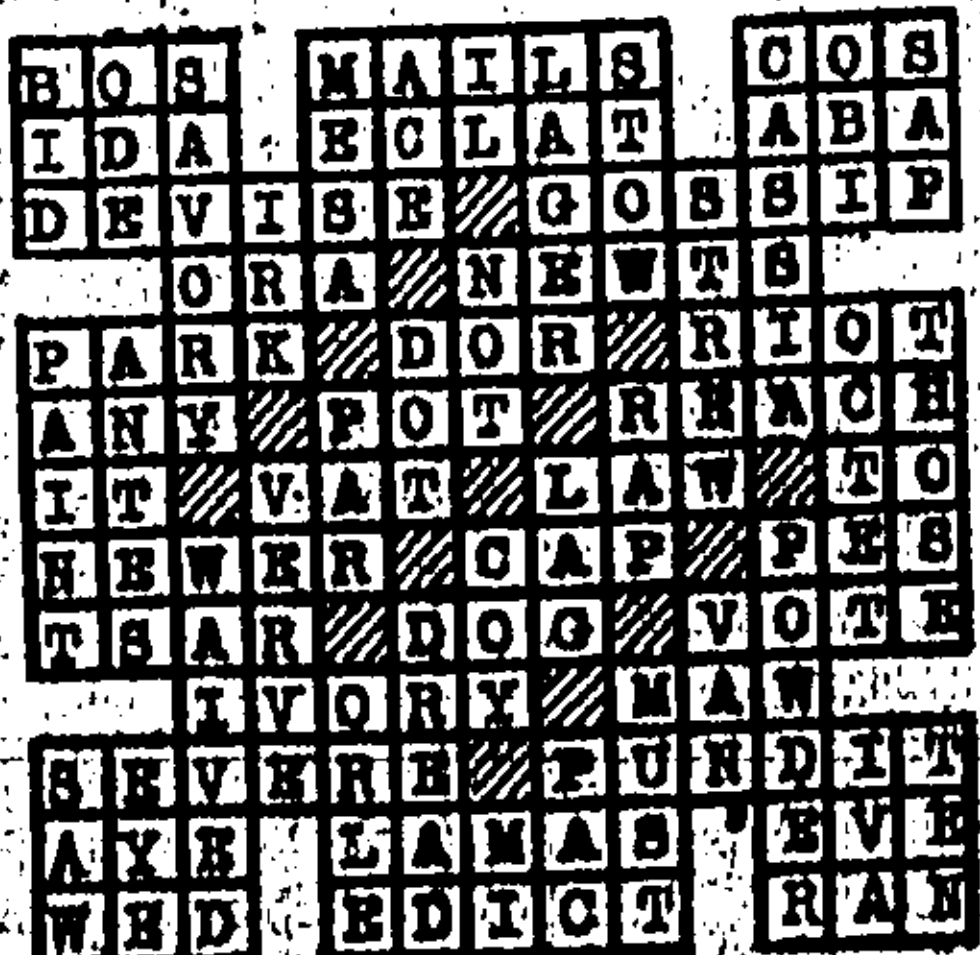
- 53 Meticulous
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- 1 Refusal
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- 3 Pith
- 4 To issue
- 5 Surgical thread
- 6 Hebrew month
- 7 To exist
- 8 To prohibit

- 9 Cry of Bacchanals
- 10 East Indian herb
- 11 Circles
- 13 Classified
- 16 To pierce
- 19 To ponder moodily
- 21 Mine entrance
- 22 Goods set adrift
- 25 Bortends
- 27 Parts
- 30 British coins
- 32 Not very warm
- 34 Cicatrix
- 36 Shelters
- 37 Hostile feeling
- 38 Man's name
- 40 Takes as own
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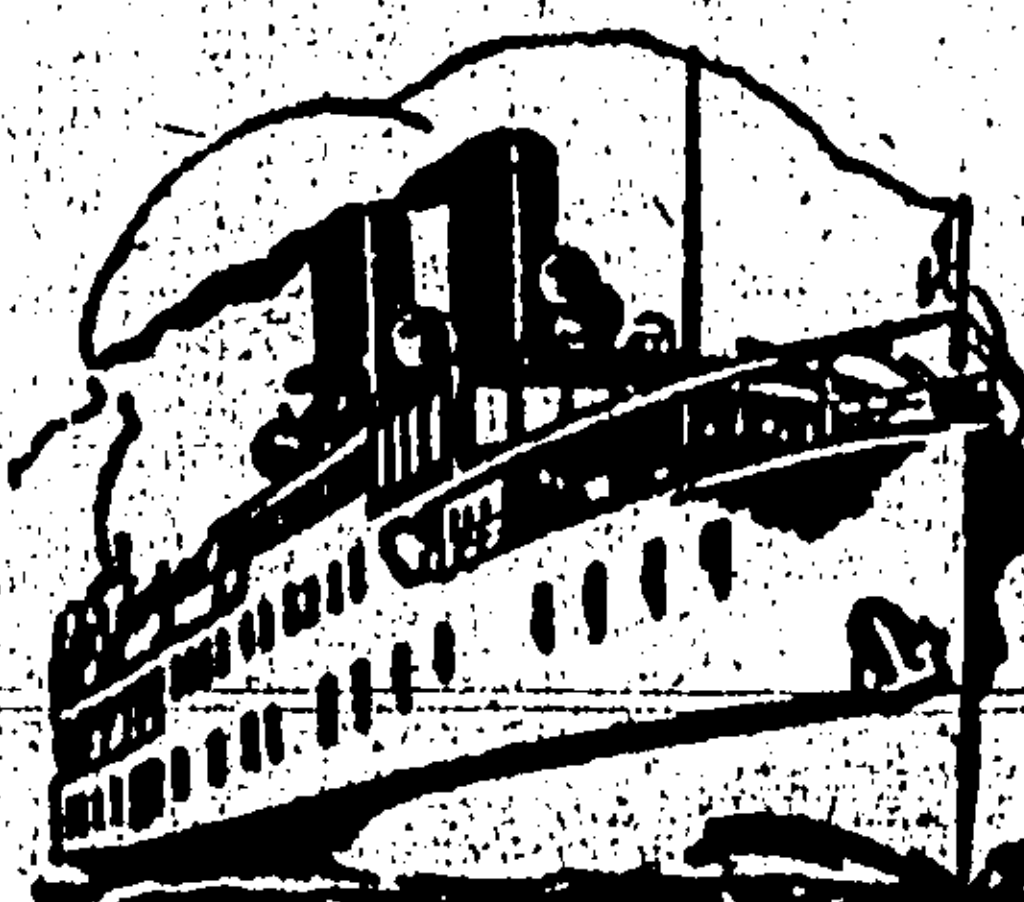
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Prof. Montet, of Strasbourg University, who found the sarcophagus on the site of the ancient city of Tanis, said the contents were of the greatest value to Egyptologists.

Directly inside the granite sarcophagus was a second, of solid silver, carved in the likeness of the king, while yet a third, 6ft. long and with a gold covering over silver-gilt, was also beautifully sculptured in the king's effigy.

Around the actual remains of the mummy, now no more than a heap of sodden dust, was a collection of gold jewellery, including bracelets and necklaces, composed of gold, rubies, lapis lazuli and scarabs. There were golden finger and toe cases.



An optimist is he who thinks the future holds nothing but rose coloured dreams.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 25/32. The cross rate London/New York was £—U.S.\$402.50 and New York/London £—U.S.\$373-1/2.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

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Mine Operation Ps. .09 b.

North Camarines Ps. .06¼ b.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. .20½ sa.

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Surigao Consol. Ps. .18½ b.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .13 b.

Syndicate Inv. Ps. .02 b.

United Paracales Ps. .28 sa.

CLASH WITH SMUGGLERS

CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS OFFICIALS INTERCEPTED A PARTY OF SMUGGLERS ON THE BORDER NEAR SHUMCHUN ON SATURDAY MORNING.

Several of the smugglers are believed to have been wounded during an exchange of fire between the party and Customs officials.

They scattered in different directions and escaped, according to Chinese reports.

KISS AND BE HEALTHY. SAYS DOCTOR

A kiss is a good germ destroyer, says Dr. S. L. Katroff, medical director and psychiatrist of the San Francisco Institute of Human Relations.

He was commenting on a 60-day ban on kissing imposed on students of the University of California after the outbreak of an influenza epidemic there, says Reuter.

"A good healthy kiss never spread any germs," said he doctor.

MR. BURGIN SATISFIES COMMONS

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

GENERAL SATISFACTION WAS EXPRESSED HERE THIS MORNING AT THE SUPPLY MINISTER, MR. BURGIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY, THAT NEW REGULATIONS DEALING WITH THE IMPROPER SOLICITING OF COMMISSIONS FOR OBTAINING GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS ARE ALREADY IN DRAFT AND WILL PROBABLY BE APPROVED BEFORE EASTER.

Opposition speakers in the debate had quoted instances of such commissions being obtained and the general feeling in the Commons was that too great an opportunity had been given to bogus firms to make unscrupulous use of this method of profit-making.

The Commons were impressed by the assurance of Mr. Burgin that he could tell them with absolute sincerity that he had not seen a single case in which a specific allegation had been made against a servant of the Crown of being bribed or offered an improper advantage in connection with Government contracts.

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CESSFORD IN WINNING SHANGHAI 7

Shanghai, March 9.—With Aucott at times playing an inspired game at the Race Course yesterday afternoon in the final tie of the Seven-A-Side series and being well supported by the other members of his team, Club 1st VII had little difficulty in taking the measure of Club 3rd VII by three goals and a try (18 points) to a try (3 points) to gain the coveted Welch Cup.

The Club junior side put up a great battle and in the earlier stages of the play held a marked territorial advantage, but poor finishing and lack of thrust spoiled numerous promising attempts to break through whereas, on the other hand, the seniors scored nearly every time they broke away. In the second half 1st VII adopted the proper tactics by kicking ahead and allowing their speedy backs to chase after the elusive ball with excellent results.

The winners combined well although more often than not their forwards failed to get the ball back from the set scrums. Aucott fared splendidly, his great pace, swerving and side-stepping resulting in numerous points. Martin, Dickinson and Cessford all did well, while for the losers Chadwick and Whaley showed up best. Chadwick played a very brainy game, but his outsidest were not as fast as those of the seniors and this lack of speed made all the difference between victory and defeat.

Club 1st VII:—J. Martin, I. Aucott, R. Dickinson, F. Cessford, P. Tay, G. Williams and M. Liddell.

Club 3rd VII:—W. Chadwick, A. Kennedy, O. Okimoto, G. Whaley, J. March, B. St. Louis and J. Blaikie.

Referee:—Mr. W. J. Richmond.—N.C.D.N.

FRENCH ARMY BEATS BRITISH IN JERUSALEM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Jerusalem, To-day.

Ten thousand spectators to-day watched a football match between the French Army XI and the British team. The French won by one goal to nil. The Commander of the British Forces in Palestine attended the game.

A reception was held later in which British and French Forces participated.—Havas.

EUROPEAN KNOCKS DOWN OLD WOMAN

A 70-year-old Chinese woman was seriously injured last night when she was knocked down by a car, driven by Mr. C. H. Sherriff, residing at the European Y.M.C.A.

The accident occurred in Chatham Road at about 9.20 p.m. The woman darted across the road and was hit by the mudguard.

The Secret Of A Contented Mind.

It has been well said that the secret of a contented mind is congenial work, but there is a clause which must be added . . . and good health . . . for without this blessing, peace of mind is indeed hard to obtain.

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GOVERNOR'S CUP

FEDERATION'S THIRD SUCCESSIVE SUCCESS

(By "REFEREE")

FOR THE THIRD successive year Federation won the Governor's Cup when at Caroline Hill yesterday they drew with the Association after leading by one goal at the interval.

Both teams had to make several changes owing to injuries but the Association were decidedly unlucky in not winning as Leonard had two good chances but failed, while, in the closing stages of the game, Fox hit the cross bar with a good drive.

The Association had Forrow at left half—an unusual position for him—but he did well there. In fact there was little wrong with the defence, in which all the players did their share.

Guy, in the pivotal position was rarely beaten with a high ball while Bright, at right half displayed good form and played a extremely useful game, always keeping a close watch on Hau Ching-to.

GOOD DEBUT

Blackburn and O'Regan were two good backs; the latter who played his first representative game this season covered well and was worthy of his place.

Robinson in goal was safe and sure in his handling.

Fox and Pryde were the best in the attack. The former did not receive the passes he desired in the first half but put in much individual work. In the later stages there was more combination with the other forwards and he was, in consequence, very dangerous and scored two good goals.

Pryde, is improving with every game, and was again prominent with his ball control and his endless stamina. He was always assisting the defence when necessary.

B. Gosano, on the right wing, had little assistance from Leonard, but he showed that he is still a useful winger and sent over several good centres.

Federation had two sound backs in Lee Ting-sang and Lee Kwok-wai and it was mainly due to them that Association had not obtained a lead at the interval. The halves were good in defence but did not show up so well in assisting their forwards.

Chan Tak-fai was the most dangerous forward while Lai Shui-wing supplied all the passes.

Hau Ching-to and Cheong Yung-sum, the wingers, were below form while Cham Kam-hoi found Guy a great obstacle.

THE PLAY

The Association were favoured with a strong wind in the first half and Leonard missed when well placed. Before the interval Chan Tak-fai placed the Chinese in the lead with a good goal.

In the second period the Chinese went further ahead through Chan Tak-fai and it seemed as all was over, but the Association rallied well and soon reduced the arrears through Fox. The same player placed the Association on level terms shortly after. He missed putting the Association in the lead when he struck the upright.

Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, president of Association, presented the cup to Leung Wing-chui at the conclusion of the game.

H.K.F.A.:—Robinson; O'Regan and Blackburn; Forrow, Guy and Bright; Gosano.

NATHAN RD. ACCIDENT

A rickshaw coolie, Lau Ho-lin, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday for injuries to his leg, after he had been knocked down by motor car No. 961, in Nathan Road, driven by Mr. C. M. Bauroskey.

VOROSHILOFF LINE

Moscow, To-day.

Work has now been commenced, on a large scale, on the construction of the new defensive system along the Russo-German border, to be called the Voroshiloff Line.—Reuter.

Leonard, Fox, Pryde and Honnibal.

Federation:—Lau Hing-hon; Lee Tin-sang and Lee Kwok-wai; Kwok Ying-kee, Leung Wing-chui, and Soong Ling-sing; Cheung Ying-sang, Chan Kam-hoi, Chan Tak-fai, Lai Shui-wing and Hau Ching-to.

R.A.S.C. WIN

At Sookunpoo yesterday, Service Corps defeated South China in the Third Division by four goals to two after being led at the interval.

Lo Lo-kin (2) scored for Chinese and Clarke (2) and Morgan (2) for Service Corps.

CHINESE POLICE RESERVISTS WIN

A friendly rifle match was fired between the Emergency Unit, Hong Kong Police Reserve, and Chinese Company, Hong Kong Police Reserve, yesterday morning at the Talkoo Range and resulted in a win for the latter by 88 points. Details are as follows:

CHINESE COY.				
	200	500	600	Total
	yds.	yds.	yds.	
L.S. R34 N. L. Pan	32	32	25	89
S.I. (R) C. C. Chau	23	32	30	85
P.C. R83 S. T. Young	23	27	30	80
S.I. (R) H. O. Ts'o	22	30	28	80
P.S. R30 P. H. Thong	27	31	22	80
L.S. R20 O. T. Leong	24	28	23	75
Total	151	180	158	489

EMERGENCY UNIT				
	200	500	600	Total
	yds.	yds.	yds.	
L.S. R421 Yan der Lely	23	22	29	74
L.S.R. Dorabjee	25	24	23	72
Ins. (R) Bendall	28	22	21	69
S.I. (R) Sousa	21	25	20	66
P.C. R438 Stradmoor	17	20	25	62
P.C.R. Sequeira	21	16	21	58
Total	133	129	139	401

Counted out:—
P.C.R. Sadick 20 14 16 50
—Contributed.

RECREIO'S BIG VICTORY

Recreio Juniors gained an easy victory over Air Force, when they beat them by 93 runs in a Junior Cricket League encounter at King's Park yesterday.

RECREIO				
A. J. M. Prata, c Brown, b Gillespie	0			
A. E. Noronha, not out	53			
M. A. Remedios, lbw., b Gillespie	29			
H. A. Barros, c Manfield, b Corser	38			
G. A. Guterres, not out	15			
Extras	0			

Total (for 3 wks. dec.) 141
J. A. Soares, J. E. Noronha, F. H. Carvalho, A. M. Prata, A. V. Gosano, A. Lopes, did not bat.

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gillespie	10	1	48	2
Nancarrow	6	0	38	0
Hawkins	5	0	10	0
Abbas	2	0	12	0
Corser	3	0	20	1

R.A.F.				
A. R. Paling, b Gosano	2			
C. Abbas, b Noronha	1			
S. Manfield, c A. M. Prata, b Noronha	5			
J. Nancarrow, lbw., b Noronha	5			
H. Cook, c Prata, b Remedios	7			
J. Corser, c Prata, b Remedios	7			
J. Souby, b Remedios	6			
F. Hemsley, b Remedios	4			
G. Brown, b Remedios	5			
W. Gillespie, b Remedios	5			
Hawkins, not out	0			
Extras	1			

Total 48

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Guterres	4	1	8	0
J. Noronha	8	0	20	3
Gosano	5	1	10	1
Remedios	6	2	9	6

LEAGUE TABLE				
	P.	W.	L.	D.
Recreio	6	5	1	0
I.R.C.	6	4	1	1
Police	6	4	1	1
K.C.C.	8	4	4	0
C.C.C.	6	3	2	1
Army	5	1	2	2
C.S.C.C.	6	1	3	2
R.A.F.	5	1	3	1
University	6	0	6	0

GERMAN CENSUS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

A census of the population will be taken on March 28 in Bohemia and Moravia.

The latest census was taken in 1930.—Havas.

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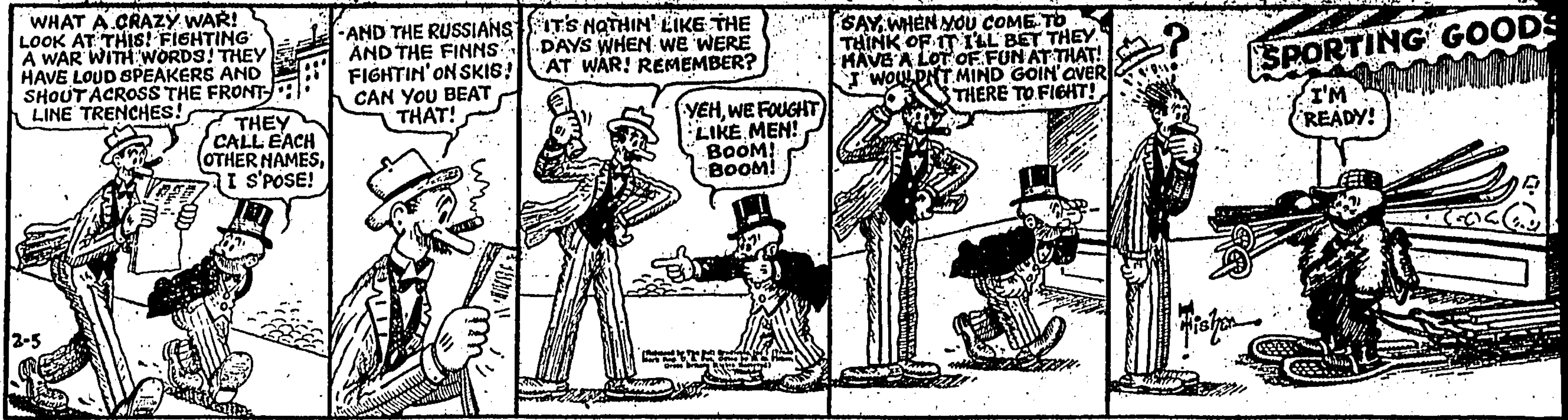
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John Peel (Trad.)... Harold Williams & The B.B.C. Male Chorus.
Dance of the Raindrops (Evans)... Rudy Starita (Xylophone) with Piano & Saxophone.
Studio—Story by Aunt Pat.
Beer Barrel Polka... The Plehal Brothers (Harmonica Duet, with Guitar & Bass accomp.)
Studio—News of Children at Home and in the Empire.
Songs of the Sandman... Wilfred Thomas (Baritone) with Piano.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Excerpts from Wagner's Operas.
"Tannhauser"—Elisabeth's Prayer.
"Lohengrin"—Elsa's Dream... Maria Jeriza (Soprano) with Orchestra.
"The Flying Dutchman"—Overture... Bruno Walter conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

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"The Mastersingers"—Yes, Tis You Love... Germaine Martinelli and Georges Thill with Orchestra; The Prize Song... Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—Studio—Third Talk on Ballet illustrated by records.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.07 p.m.—Ivor Novello—The Miracle of Nicholas—Temple Ballet Music from "Careless Rapture". Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra conducted by Charles Prentice.
8.20 p.m.—Violin Solos by Albert Sandler.
The Phantom Melody (Ketelbey); Algerian Scene (Ketelbey)... with Paino accomp. by The Composer.
Extase—Reverie (Ganne)... assisted by Sanchini (Cello) and Byfield (Piano).
8.33 p.m.—Dance Music.

Swing Fox-Trot—Lullaby In Rhythm... Harry James & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—How'dja Like to Love Me? (Film 'Swing Teacher Swing')... Jack White & His Collegians.
Quickstep—Somebody's Thinking of You To-night; Waltz—Am I The First One?... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Sunday In The Park; Meet Me Down In Sunset Valley... Mantovani & His Orchestra.
Tangos—Olivadame; Calceita De Mi Novia... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trot—Procession of the Sirdar (from 'Caucasian Sketches'); Symphonic Fox-Trot—Samum... Sydney Kyte & His Band.
Slow Fox-Trots—I Won't Tell A Soul; Two Shadows (from the film)... Roy Fox & His Orch.
Fox-Trots—A-Tisket A-Tasket; I Can't Remember Her Name... Billy Cotton & His Band.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"This Freedom".
9.45 p.m.—Compositions of Liszt.
10.15 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert by Marek Weber & His Orchestra with Martha Eggerth (Soprano) and Derek Oldham (Tenor).
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ K J 8 6 5
♥ 10 7 4 2
♦ A 9 3
♣ 5

♠ 7 8
♥ 5
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ K Q 10 7

♠ 9 4
♥ Q J 9 8
♦ Q 10 7 6
♣ 8 6 2

♠ A Q 10 9
♥ A K 8 6
♦ K 4
♣ A J 9

The bidding:

South West North East
1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
6♠ Pass Pass Pass

Against six spades West opened the King of clubs. After winning, South drew trumps, then stripped his own hand and dummy of clubs and diamonds. Now a small heart was played from dummy and when East played the three, South finessed the eight, thereby ensuring his contract against any distribution except four to

the Queen-Jack-nine in the West hand. Even if West's singleton heart had been a high card, it would not have mattered, for he would then have had to return either a club or a diamond, enabling South to trump in one hand and discard a losing heart in the other.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

♠ Q 10 9 x
♥ K J x x
♦ x
♣ A 10 x x

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby Maier You
Pass Pass Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is one club. Your hand offers some game-possibilities if partner can respond in a major suit. Or you may make a partial score. It is very unlikely that the opponents, who have both passed, can make a game.

Score 100% for one club, 60% for one spade, 40% for one heart, 20% for pass.

QUESTION NO. 361

Both sides are vulnerable. You are Merwin Maier's partner and hold:

♠ Q 10 x x
♥ K J 10 x x
♦ x x
♣ K x

The bidding:

You Burnstone Maier Schenken
Pass 1♦ Pass Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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NAVY'S RUGBY RECORD

Following is the record of Royal Navy during the Rugby season 1939-1940:

Points
P. W. L. D. F. A.
30 15 14 3 307 295

In addition there have been six representative matches in which Naval players have taken part, and several inter-ships matches.

It is not possible to divide matches into "A" and 1st teams as each team was picked from those available.

Some 80 players have represented Navy, of whom about 50 have played 5 or more matches, though records are not quite complete.

The Triangular Tournament results were:

Navy lost to Army—0-20 and 3-5.
Navy lost to Club—13-19 and won 14-3.

Following played 12 or more matches:—L. S. A. Palmer (24); Ldg. Wtr. Barlow (20); Telegraphist Bowden (21); Telegraphist Paul (19); Lieutenant Commander Clark (19); Chief Writer King (19); Ldg. Wtr. Ferris (16); Sub Lieutenant Kennedy (16); Flight Lieutenant Taylor (15); Lieutenant Carter (15); Lieutenant (E). Brown (15); Ldg. Sig. Ingalls (15); Paymaster Lieutenant Stevens (12); Midshipman O'Riordan (14); and Paymaster Lieutenant Charles (12).

On the whole, Navy put up an

YACHT RACING

The following were the results of the first split cruiser series race held by Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 22 miles:

DIVISION I STARTED 10.00			
	Finished	Corrd.	Pos. Pts.
Donna	15.14.53	15.04.23	1 10
(E. Cock).			
Yehonala	15.32.39	15.10.29	2 8
(Capt. M. T. L. Wilkinson).			
Azuma	15.46.15	15.17.27	3 6
(E. B. Lambert).			
La Cigale I	15.27.37	15.27.37	4 4
(N. V. A. Croucher).			
Red Rover	16.15.49	15.44.30	5 3
(Capt. R. W. Bateman).			
Oresund	15.53.38	15.46.42	6 2
(K. Neckelman).			
DIVISION II STARTED 10.10			
Tern	16.31.58	16.09.32	1 15
(J. L. Anderson).			
Treenlaur	16.52.03	16.11.51	2 13
(Major C. R. Temple).			
Tyrone	16.52.20	16.12.09	3 11
(B. Herschend).			
Highwayman	16.55.54	16.15.44	4 9
(Capt. T. D. K. Macrae).			
Mistral	16.55.17	16.15.47	5 8
(Capt. R. L. Berridge).			
Evolene	16.52.07	16.19.24	6 7
(Col. G. C. Gowland).			
Curlew	16.49.48	16.19.50	7 6
(P. Clarke).			
Typhoon	16.58.06	16.27.30	8 5
(D. Campbell).			
Monsoon	17.19.42	16.47.29	9 4
(Major A. P. Trevor).			
Sea Lark V.	17.09.50	17.02.50	10 3
(N. H. Cuthbertson).			
U and I	17.48.29	17.48.29	11 2
(J. B. Collis).			

excellent show under difficult conditions, and tribute must be paid to Lt. Comdr. Clark for the hard work he has put in throughout the season.



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(By "SCRUM-HALF")

ANOTHER RUGBY season has come and gone and Club have won all the trophies under the captaincy of A. F. Walkden.

Has our standard improved? I hardly think so, despite the greater keenness shown by Army units, mainly because Navy were well below their normal strength, and we have been so used to relying on them to help to raise the local standard. We need have no qualms, however, regarding the game itself. It is in a very healthy state, and improvement has been met with, we hope, only a momentary check.

Among the newcomers we have in J. M. Thomson a scrum-half of outstanding capabilities for one so young. D. I. Bosanquet is a wing-threequarter of immense possibilities, while J. C. Charter is a threequarter or fly-half who has not yet reached his peak locally. Navy gave us Tel. Paul, a really good centre threequarter who lost much of his value through being over-played, and from Army have come 2/Lt. Pinkerton, as good a wing forward as we have had in years, and Lt. Ridsdale, another back row forward well above the average.

The players to show most improvement this season have been R. E. Heasman, of Club, S. Innis of Police, L/Cpl. Birrell of Sappers, A. M. Kennedy of Club, who has played even better down here during the latter part of the season than he did when captaining the Shanghai Club, I. M. Macrae of Club and R. M. Lavalle, one of the Club junior backs. More will certainly be heard of this sextette if they are available next season.

We have lost F. A. Cessford, Interport fly-half, and we will soon be losing W. B. Richardson, but we have some consolation in the fact that W. E. Grieve is back again after a brief stay in Shanghai.

COLONY FIFTEEN

The selection of an all-Hong Kong team is not an easy matter but, after careful deliberation, I have come to the conclusion that the following team, based on this season's form, would be the best we could field:

Pay-Lt. Stevens (Navy).

D. I. Bosanquet (Club).
H. D. Bidwell (Club).
Tel. Paul (Navy).
D. H. Stewart (Club).

J. C. Charter (Club).
J. M. Thomson (Club).

A. F. Walkden (Club) (Capt.)
P. J. Cullinan (Police).
R. E. Heasman (Club).
2/Lt. Cuthbertson (Army).
2/Lt. Millar (Army).
2/Lt. Pinkerton (Army).
A. M. Kennedy (Club).
Lt. Ridsdale (Army).

Reserves—L/Bdr. Richards (Army), G. S. Wilson (Police), S. Innis (Police), G. Wright-Nooth (Police), I. M. Macrae (Club) and Flt. Lt. Taylor (Navy).

The kicker would be Paul.

COLONY SEVEN

On form as shown in the Army and Open Sevens the following would be my all-Hong Kong seven; bearing in mind that sevens is a game of its own and cannot be compared with Rugby Football as it should be played:

D. I. Bosanquet (Club).

J. M. Thomson (Club).
J. C. Charter (Civil Service).

J. R. Henderson (Club).

R. E. Heasman (Club).
P. J. Cullinan (Police).

2/Lt. Pinkerton (Army).
Henderson would be the kicker.

SEASON'S RESULTS

Following are the season's outstanding events.

INTERPORT

Club sent the following team to Shanghai last February: J. R. Henderson; H. D. Bidwell, J. Hutchison, J. C. Charter and D. I. Bosanquet; F. A. Cessford and J. M. Thomson; A. F. Walkden (captain), K. W. Salter, P. F. Wanklyn, C. F. Needham, B. Hynes, G. B. Godfrey, A. J. G. Taylor and J. Redman. Reserves—E. W. Stout and H. van Leeuwen.

New Caps.
Following were invited to go North, but were unable to do so: D. H. Stewart, R. G. Castleton, J. H. Burford, E. A. Bompas, A. M. Kennedy, W. B. Richardson and B. O'M. Deane.

Shanghai were beaten by 8 pts. to 6, and U.S. Marines were trounced by 12 pts. to 3. Against Shanghai, Bosanquet and Redman scored tries, Henderson converting the latter.

Against U.S. Marines, Bosanquet, Needham and Bidwell scored tries and Henderson kicked a penalty goal.

TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Points
Club	4	3	1	47	35	
Army	4	2	2	33	28	
Navy	4	1	3	30	47	

	Club	Army	Points
Club	13	5	13
Army	18	0	0
Club	20	0	0
Club	12	3	3
Navy	14	3	3
Army	5	3	3

Scorers were:
Club—Stewart 7 tries, Bidwell (2), Bosanquet and Charter. Charter dropped a goal and Castleton converted two tries and kicked two penalty goals.

Army—Walt 2 tries, Sutherland, Lang, Pinkerton and Boe. Lang (2), Boe, Walt converted tries. Lang dropped a goal and Berry kicked a penalty goal.

Navy—Bowden 3 tries and Wright. Paul kicked four penalty goals, dropped a goal and converted a try.

Players who took part in the Tournament were:

Club—J. R. Henderson, D. H. Stewart, J. Hutchison, H. D. Bidwell, D. I. Bosanquet, J. C. Charter, J. M. Thomson, A. F. Walkden (captain), R. G. Castleton, P. F. Wanklyn, E. A. Bompas, C. F. Needham, G. B. Godfrey, A. M. Kennedy, W. B. Richardson, F. M. Thompson, R. E. Heasman, B. O'M. Deane, A. J. G. Taylor. Nineteen players.

Army—Sgt. Picton, Sgt. Marsh, L/Cpl. Waite, Capt. Hook, Sgt. Willis, L/Cpl. Boe, Sgt. Lang, 2/Lt. Pinkerton, Cpl. Sutherland, Bdr. Evans, Pte. Berry, Gnr. Whitehead, Capt. Duke, 2/Lt. Cuthbertson (captain), Lt. Ridsdale, Spr. Artlingstall, Lt. Stirling, Lt. May, Lt. Hewitt, Sgt. Page, L/Bdr. Richards, L/Cpl. Beddow and L/Sgt. Brinkley. Twenty-three players.

Navy—Lt. Max, Tel. Paul, Bowden, Tel. Paul, Mid. Teare, Sub-Lt. Kennedy, Mid. O'Riordan, Lt. Comer, Clark (captain), Edg. Wt. Barlow, Lt. (3d) Brown, L.A. Sabat, Flt. Lt. Taylor, A. B. Langmuir, Pay-Lt. Charles, Capt. McCall, Pte. G. G. G. G. Stevens, Mid. Nichol, Lt. Carter, Mid. Mar.



tin, P.O. Smart, Ch. Wtr. King, Mr. Drury, Sub-Lt. Pearce, Capt. McCann and Flt.-Lt. Wright. Twenty-five players.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Scotland	4	England	0
Wales	24	Ireland	3

No Final was played.
Bidwell dropped a goal for Scotland and Morgan (2), Richards (3) and Bowden scored tries for Wales, three of which were converted by Coombes. King kicked a penalty goal for Ireland.

Scotland—Taylor (Police); Birrell (Army), Waite (Army), Bidwell (Club) and Kennedy (Navy); Thomson (Club) and Henderson (Club); Macrae (Club), Sutherland (Army), Kennedy (Club), Cuthbertson (Army), Millar (Army), Pinkerton (Army), Taylor (Club) and Coombe (Army).

England—Stevens (Navy); Berry (Army), Charter (Club), Paul (Navy) and Thompson (Club); Carter (Navy) and Foley (Army); Heasman (Club), Hewitt (Army), Blackman (Army), Bompas (Club), Needham (Club), Sheldrake (Army), Innis (Police) and Wright-Nooth (Police).

Wales—Hopkins (Club); Richards (Army), Artlingstall (Army), Morgan (Club) and Bowden (Navy); Coombes (Army) and Gracie (Army); Walkden (Club), Molham (Army), Palmer (Navy), Evans (Army), Taylor (Navy), Murray-Jones (Navy), Ferris (Navy) and Barlow (Navy).

Ireland—Roe (Navy); B. Hynes (Club), Teare (Navy), Lavalle (Club) and Morgan (Army); O'Riordan (Navy) and Gallagher (Navy); Wanklyn (Club), Brown (Navy), Cullinan (Police), Thornhill (Club), Stout (Club), Dempsey (Police) and King (Navy).

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

FIRST ROUND	
Police "A"	3 Small Units
5th A.A. "A"	6 R. Scots "B"

SECOND ROUND	
Police "A"	16 8th H.R. "B"
R. Scots "A"	12 H.M.S. Arawa
8th H.R. "A"	21 5th A.A. "B"
*R. Engineers	3 Tamar "A"
H.K. Bank	19 Tamar "B"
Civil Service	6 Club "B"
Police "B"	6 Taikoo
Club "A"	16 5th A.A. "A"

QUARTER-FINALS	
Police "A"	6 R. Scots "A"
*R.E.	3 8th H.R. "A"
H.K. Bank	3 Civil Service
Club "A"	8 Police "B"

SEMI-FINALS	
*Police "A"	6 R.E.
Club "A"	11 H.K. Bank

FINAL	
Club "A"	8 Police "A"

* extra time played.

Police "A"—D. H. Taylor, B. C. Fay and G. S. Wilson (Capt.); J. R. M. Wall; G. Wright-Nooth, P. J. Cullinan and S. Innis.

Royal Scots "A"—Pte. Parnaby; 2/Lt. Ford and Lt. Gibson; L/Cpl. Gracie; 2/Lt. Millar, Cpl. Sutherland and 2/Lt. Pinkerton (Capt.).

8th Heavy Regt. "A"—Lt. Lomax; Sgt. Marsh and Capt. Hook (Capt.); Gnr. Keeble; L/Bdr. Richards, Gnr. Luckett and Bomdr. Plummer.

Royal Engineers:—Spr. Artlingstall; L/Cpl. Birrell and L/Cpl. Waite (Capt.); L/Cpl. Foley; L/Sgt. Brinkley, L/Cpl. Apperley and Cpl. Sheldrake.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank:—G. G. Aitkenhead; M. G. Carruthers and D. G. Day; A. H. R. Butcher, F. M. Thompson, J. S. Dunnett and A. M. Kennedy (Capt.). Civil Service:—J. C. Charter; A. J. G. Taylor (Capt.) and G. Fowler; T. O. Morgan; J. Redman, J. H. Burford and B. Hynes.

Police "B"—W. Jackson; J. Dempsey and N. Reynolds; T. Lealie; H. Rose; L. A. Searle (Capt.) and B. Wheeler.
Club "A"—D. I. Bosanquet; H. D. Bidwell and J. M. Thomson; J. R. Henderson; C. F. Needham, A. F. Walkden (Capt.) and R. E. Heasman.

Combined Small Units—Pte. MacDonald (R.A.M.C.); Sgt. Willis (R. Signals) and Lt. Coombes (R.A.M.C.); Sgt. Morgan (R. Signals); Lt. Crawford (R. Signals) (Captain); L/C. Bedford (R. Signals) and Sgt. Harrington (R. Signals).

Reserves—Pte. Mohan (R.A.M.C.) and L/C. McPherson (R.A.M.C.).

Club "B"—R. M. Lavalle; R. F. Hopkins and H. van Leeuwen (Captain); W. Broker, P. F. Wanklyn, R. W. Salter and T. Carey.
H.M.S. Arawa:—L/Mex. Meredith; P.O. Pitt and A.B. Foster; A.B. Hunter and A.B. Williams; A.B. Vivian and L.S. Young.

5th Heavy Regt. "A"—Lt. G. G. McCann; Bomdr. Fryer and Gnr. Gifford; Gnr. Foster; Capt. Macmillan, G.S.M. Hawkins.

CLUB "A" DESERVED TRIUMPH

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Considering the very poor weather conditions and the fact that the Club ground was under water in parts, a very large crowd was present on Saturday for the completion of the Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament, and they were treated to a standard of play that was extraordinarily high.

Club "A" were quite the best equipped side and deserved their triumph, conceding only three points throughout the tournament. Police "A" offered spirited resistance, and Taylor's try was a good one, but they lacked the finish of the Club seven. Thomson and Heasman played brilliantly for Club, while Bosanquet's speed on that slippery ground was almost unbelievable.

The team I felt most sorry for were 8th Heavy Regt. On a dry ground they might have caused an upset or two—they would certainly have beaten Sappers—but they were too severely handicapped on the wet ground, and the decision to play Richards at forward did not improve their prospects.

Civil Service gave Bank several anxious moments, and had Fowler secured a try instead of knocking on when he got over they would probably have won. Brilliant defensive play by Charter caused Bank no end of worry.

Club's success was their seventh in nine seasons, gave A. F. Walkden his three winning sevens—and completed the Club clean sweep of the season's trophies.

and Capt. Pitt.
"Tamar" and Small Ships "A"—Pay-Lt. Stevens; Tel. Paul and Lt. Carter; Lt.-Cdr. Clark (Captain); Wtr. Ferris, Lt. (E.) Brown and Lt. Darling.

"Tamar" and Small Ships "B"—S.B.A. Addis; S/L. Kennedy and Tel. Bowden; S/L. Richards; L.S.A. Palmer, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow and A.B. Longmuir.

"Taikoo"—J. C. Matthews; J. Hutchison (Captain) and G. B. Godfrey; R. Rutherford; I. Macrae, R. G. Castleton and J. B. Collis.

Reserve:—N. L. White.
Royal Scots "B"—Lt. Ridsdale (Captain); Pte. Fairley and Pte. Cody; L/Cpl. Loughlin; Sgt. Pursey, L/Cpl. Patterson and L/Cpl. Lane.

5th A.A. "B"—Gnr. Barnes; Bdr. MacIntyre and L/Sgt. Salisbury; Gnr. Moore; L/Bdr. Evans, L/Bdr. New and Gnr. Hanley.

ARMY EVENTS

Army League—Royal Engineers; runners-up, Royal Scots.

Army Sevens—Royal Engineers; runners-up, Royal Scots.

L/Cpl. Waite was the Sappers' captain and 2/Lt. Cuthbertson led the Royals.

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" 1069	316.22	
" 127	158.11	
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RACE 3		
No. 732	\$1,233.40	
" 178	352.40	
" 470	176.20	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 877, 220.		

RACE 4		
No. 801	\$1,136.80	
" 1116	324.08	
" 1097	162.40	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 808, 1105, 1152, 325.		

RACE 5 ("A" SWEEP)		
No. 35880	\$23,940	
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" 33203	3,420	
Unplaced ponies (\$633.33 each): Nos. 3589, 48603, 7485, 39748, 5423, 20049.		

RACE 5 ("B" SWEEP)		
No. 16584	\$10,984.52	
" 18782	3,132.72	
" 12422	1,566.36	



Unplaced ponies (\$290.06 each): Nos. 4604, 21658, 22150, 1874, 5467, 17347.

RACE 6		
No. 897	\$1,201.48	
" 154	343.28	
" 709	171.61	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 935, 106.		

RACE 7		
No. 467	\$683.76	
" 294	195.36	
" 675	97.68	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 378, 509, 808, 559, 8, 825.		

PADDIES LOSE

St. Patrick's Society were at home in a friendly lawn bowls game against a rink from each of St. David's, St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday. They lost by 48 shots, the final score being 67 shots to 19.

Scores:
A. Wright, J. Grenham, N. Bebbington and J. F. Lunny (St. Patrick's) lost to W. Macfarlane, A. Hyde-Lay, R. G. Craig and J. C. Chalmers (St. Andrew's) 2-33.
C. Terry, D. Flanagan, F. C. Clema and M. Lockhart (St. Patrick's) lost to Col. Collins, W. Cornell, V. C. Labrum and S. M. White (St. George's) 6-18.
W. Mulcahy, A. Guinness, E. Fowles and P. Hamilton (St. Patrick's) lost to R. R. Davies, J. Owen Hughes, F. A. Channing and F. J. Jones (St. David's) 11-18.



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The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

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The First Bell will be rung at 12 Noon and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

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By Order,

G. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 16th March, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 21st March 1940 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March 1940 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors
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That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company.

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July 1940 in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.

2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

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Ration cards are to be introduced in Germany — for railway tickets!

The Berlin correspondent of the "Berlinske Tidende" reports that there will be further restrictions in railway traffic, in Germany, all "unnecessary passenger traffic" being curtailed to make room for the coal trains to Italy.

Ration cards, similar to those already in use for food and clothing, will be required for the purchase of railway tickets.—Havas.

DESERTER IN H.K. CAUGHT AFTER 2 YRS.

A British soldier who is alleged to have deserted the Army two years ago appeared before Mr. MacFadyen to-day.

Fusilier-Drummer R. W. McCormack, of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, was charged with deserting from the Army or of being "absent without leave." It was stated by the prosecution that McCormack, who is about 30 years of age, deserted at 10.30 p.m. on June 13, 1937.

His present address was given as 17 Nga Tsin Lung road, Kowloon City. He was arrested by Sub-Inspector P. Kellett.

When to-day the case came

NO CHANGE IN RUMANIAN POLICY

Bucharest, To-day.

A statement issued by the official Rador Agency says that the act of unconditional submission by former members of the Iron Guard cannot influence the unshakable guiding lines of Rumania's domestic and foreign policy.

The statement adds:—

"It is considered as proof that the policy of detente and conciliation of the Rumanian Government has succeeded.

"This act must not be regarded as a political compromise but, on the contrary, as an internal appeasement.

"All former members of the Iron Guard will be incorporated individually into the political life of Rumania in so far as they sincerely prove their decision.

This is the meaning of the detente conciliation, any change in the structure and policy of the government being out of the question."—Reuter.

up before the Magistrate, Sub-Inspector Kellett said that McCormack was missing just before the regiment sailed for the Sudan. The military authorities wished to have custody of the man.

An order turning McCormack over to the military authorities was made out by the Court.

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Mexico City, To-day.

An official delegation composed of 10 leading bankers and industrialists have left for Japan, where they will seek to increase Mexican-Japanese trade.

Following a luncheon at the Japanese legation, it was announced that the main purpose of the journey was to sell petroleum for cash or to barter it for silk and artificial silk.

The greatest importance is attached to this mission here. — Reuter.

Dublin, To-day.

The municipal strike has ended following intervention by the Catholic Bishop of Thasos. All city services are expected to be restored to-morrow. — Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

The Moscow correspondent of the "Afton Bladet" says that persistent reports in Moscow indicate that the Soviet Union hopes to obtain a long-sought outlet in the North Atlantic by demanding a free port on the Swedish coast. The correspondent believes that a similar demand will be presented to Norway.—Reuter.

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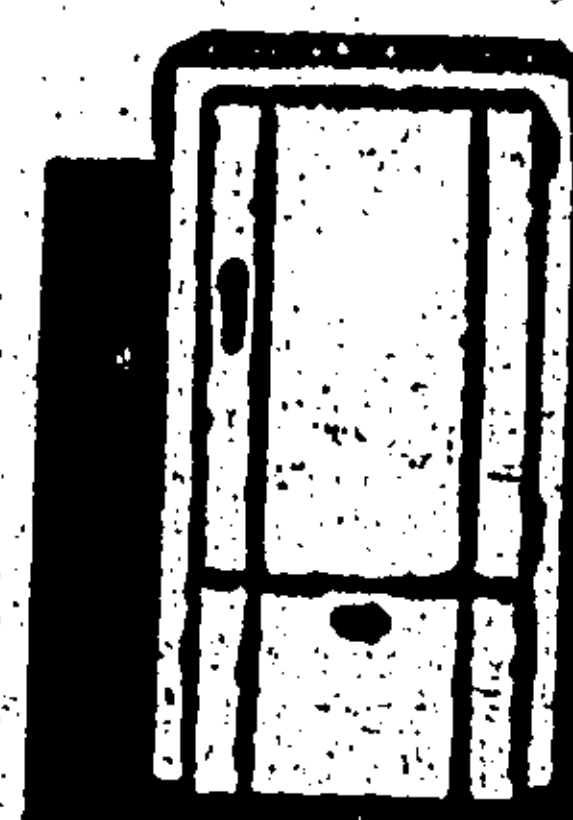
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